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MOROCCAN WOMEN

lipe in the land of the schan's Harbi. In The World, Mrs. Mansel-Pleydell, author of Sketches of Life in Morocco, contributes the following article descriptive of the women of

that interesting country :-Moorish women are a mystery to most people, as so little is known about them. It is quite possible, however, that there is not much to be known, for they are ignorant and wholly uneducated. The very superficial education provided by the Sultan for his people is only for the benefit of boys. Girls are taught nothing ; they cannot read or write, and very few are able to sew, for sewing is universally done

by men in Morocco. NARROW EXISTENCE.

Moorish women of the upper classes are brought up from children within the walls and gardens of their fathers' houses, and do not citen go beyond, except in the case of a rich Moor, whose family is taken once a year from the town house to a country house to escape the hottest summer months. Then, veiled and shrouded in halks, they are borne on mules, surrounded by servants and slaves, from one demicile to the other.

Their marriages are arranged for them by their parents, and no girl of the upper classes ever sets eyes upon her husband before she is taken to his house after the performance of the marriage ceremony. How women employ themselves during their married lives no one outside can really know, but I have always heard that their chief-interests are centred in the town gossip.

Kaid Maclean's daughter, who speaks Arabic perfectly, told me that she had never met any Moorish lady, among the many she has visited, who was not convinced that the life she and her country-women lead are superior to those led by the women of other nations. MATRIMONY .

They always criticised the European women's custom of going about unveiled. Your fither cannot care much about you to let you go about unveiled, for it is a disgrace for a woman to show her face to men, has often been said to Miss Maclean; and nothing she could say in reply would alter the Moorish w men's opinion.

An English girl and I once paid a visit to Moorish lady, and were shown into a courtyard with a large round atone tank full of water in the centre; the floor was inlaid in coloured mosaic work, and all round was an arched colonnade decorated in the same style. Two slave women, black as night, came forward and ushered us through an open doorway leading from the court into a long narrow room, and there drawn up in line were three Moorish ladies, waiting to receive us. ...

Each was dressed in a coloured brocade ka(ian, woven with gold and silver thread; the fronts were ornamented with rows of tinsel buttons, and the garments were kept together. bytvery wide multi-coloured belts bound several times round their ample middles. They also wore ropes of small pearls, and quaint aloorish. jewellery on their arms and in their cars, while their feet were encased in red leather slippers. They began at once to question 'us as to whether we were married or not; and when my friend told them she had no-husband, nor did she want one, the Mootish women only laughed and exchanged knowing glances with each

HARRM LIFE. . It was easy to see that they did not believe, the English girl's assertion, and soon showed that she had gone down in their estimation by her admission. I think they decided that she must be very unattractive indeed I. They told us how many sons, they each had, inquired as to the number of mine, fingered our jewellery, insp cted our clothes, and then we had to go for it was impossible to carry on any further conversation.

The few other visits I have paid to Mobrish women of the upper classes have confirmed the impression left upon me by my first. No doubt occasionally a woman will arise among her ignorant sisters with unusual brain development. Such a one will wield undir puted sway in the harem where the fates have placed her She will rule her lord and master absolutely, permitting no rivals, but probably inciting him to deeds of cruelty and violence; for a clevet, ignorant, and uncontrolled woman will cause more crimes to be committed by the men whose passions shi feeds upon, than the worst man will commit" who acts upon his own impulses.

The women of the lower classes have a much larger outlook, but their lives are filled wit ceastless toil. Between Tangier and Cape Spattel is wooded country, and if you ride along that road you will probably 'see, huge bundles of cut wood coming towards you, and from a distance they seem to move of their own accord. As they come nearer you will discover a pair of short thick legs moving under each load, and on closé inspection a woman can be discerned doubled up, and, half hidden by her huge bundle. She often carries a baby in addition slung on her back below the wood. QUAINT CHARMS.

The crime of poisoning is known to be much indulged in by Moorish women. A wife, madly jealous of a rival to her husband's affections, will contrive, with the help of a faithful slave, to pul some arsenic or corrosive sublimate into her riva's food. The victim dies in agony, but in a country where there are no doctors and no medical science, it is impossible to connect such a death with the wife of a well-to-do merchart or official. If the husband in such a case continues to dispense his favours elsewhere thun at home, he may be taken ill after a meal and die likewise.

Moorlsh women resort much to charms to gain lovers, or to keep their affections when gained. There is one charm which is seldom known to fail. It consists of shredding a small piece of an under-garment which the man hal wore, and after certain incantations have been said over it, of rolling the particles into the shape of a small ball. This is omfor bedded in a larger ball of clay, and after being

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A Broken-down system. This is a condition (or disease) to which doctors

give many names, but which few of them realty understand. It is imply weakness—a break-down, as it work, of the vital forces that sustain the system. No matter what may be its causer (for they are almost numberless), its symptoms are such the same; the more prominent being aloople sures, sense of prestration or weariness, depression of anisits and want of operate for all the colleges. affairs of life. Now, what alone is absolutely cometial in all such cases is increased vitality - ilgour-VITAL STRENGTH & ENERGY to throw off these morbid feelings, and experience proves that as night succeeds the day this may be more certainly secured by a course of

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Auploaist we'll dub her; So, settled grief with us prevails, And you will soon smid our wails Find us all blubber.

"Since my belief's no other than A wife's match for any man, When wives against us thus band,

I must lament, my pain is such, A League of Wives is far too much For any husband.

I'm torn by unremitting dread, One thought within my aching head Is chronically humming; If women can't get all they like,

My Benedicks, they'll strike, they'll strike I feel it coming. And woman's triumph's sure, no doubt

We can't dismiss, we can't lock out, So weak is our position; No husband, whatsoe'er his views, Dare to his better half refuse

> Some recognition. -Pall Mall Gazette.

THE TROUBLES OF A HOUSEHOLDER

My friend Snooks came to me the other night in a state of hysterical despair. He sat down miserably and gloomily lighted the cigar l'offered him. Then he burst into a storm of abusive speech.

"I am sick of If: " said he. "I wish I were | wish I were dead."

"What's the matter?" said 1. "The old-com--better." plaint, I suppose?"

"No," he growled "It's worse than that. It's worse than anythings It's that beautly repairing lease." "Te'l me all about it,"

would be a good idea to have the house done | ing mad. She begged me to go round. We up while we were away for our summer found him in his pyjamas on the top of a stepholidays. The smell of paint is bad for the ladder, with a paintbrush in his hand, 'He was children, you know. Arsenical poisoning, and painting the wallpaper. When he saw me be

"A very sensible idea, too. You got a comtract, of course?"

"Oh, yes, we got a contract. Much good that

"Didn't they do the work?" "Do the work? They did us! They are

doing us now." "It's getting or, old man. You went away: August, didn't you? Aren't they out yet?"

"No, they're not out yet!" "Well, it's a long time till Christmas". " Pon't talk to me of Christma. 1 No Christ-

mas for me!" "What happened?"

MAKING A JOB OF IT.

"Listen! You know the staircase parer was quite fresh. We asked the idiot whether he could paint the dado and whitewash the ceiling without damaging the wallpaper. He smiled, and said nothing could be easier. They would hang sheets over the paper. Well, he forgot to tell his men, and they splashed away merrily. When we arrived we found that our wallpaper had been whitewashed as well as the ceiling. Sickening, wasn't it?"

"Very. What did you do?" "I abused the imbecile. He said they would They took the pattern off."

"You made them repaper the walls?" "Yes, I did: But, good heavens, it was job. First, we had to choose a paper. Have

you ever chosen a wall-paper?" "It is a bit of a business." "A bit of a business? It is the ceuce of a business. You see, the wife wanted something fresh, and artistic and soft and cool, and warm;

and bright, and restful. I told her to please herself, but no, she would have me in it. Look here, do you know who designs wall-"They say it is the Royal Academy!" "Well, whoever they are, I wish they had

one neck, so that I could wring it! Wallpapers are-well, they are the limit.".

" Ugly ?"

PROBLEMS OF ART. "Doo't ask me. It's not their ugliness mind. It's their variety of ugliness. I believe all the bad taste in the world is busy designing wall-papers. Honestly, I nearly lost my reason. We spent days in showrooms looking at fellows. flapping the patterns over easels. We got muddled. We lost all power of judgment. A last, I begged the wife to take anything and be

"And did she?"

"No. She wouldn't give up hope. My dear bry, we lived in papen shops. Have you ever had a wall-paper headache? No? I envy you. It's the worst kind of headache. It makes your brain crawl with curly horsors. It's worse than D.T."

"What did you choose in the end?" "Brown paper. Common, ordinary, cheap brown paper. Will you believe it, they could not paste it on the walls without splashing the paint! Then they tried to touch up the white paint, and they not only covered it with blotthes and patches, but they slopped it over on the paper. I tell you, it made me sick."

"What'are they doing now?" "Oh, they are repainting the paint. I can not get them cut of the house. They wil never go. I fell over a paint-pot last night in the dark, and spoiled a new suit of evening clothes. It's awful, old man, awful."

Why don't you put them out, and let it go at that?" "Ah, you don't know my wife. She will get it right if she dies for it. Do you know they are alraid of ber? The painters shiver and

shake when they see her. Why, the men are so mervous they can hardly hold a brush." " I suppose they will lose on the lot !

"You bet they will I'll see to that." I'll make them pay me compensation. They'll owe me money before I'm done with them." LITTER MISTAXXS.

"It's rather hard on them. isn't it?" They deserve it," he growed Every blunder they could make they have made. Do you know what they did? I'll tell you. wife chose a ceiling-paper for the drawing. room, and another for the best bedroom. They put the bedroom paper on the drawing room, and the drawing room paper on the hedroom,

"It certainly does seem careless." "That's not all. They have lost all the door handles and all the finger plates. I know I'll raising from the many ailments and diseases. go mad. I know it."

Wouldn't that drive you crasy?"

your door. They don't paint your house; they leagerness with which they search for relief and live in it. The worst of it is we are ill with | cure | Remedies like painter's colic. The doctor has ordered us al out of the house till the paint dries. But it | have not attained their high position in the won't dry. They say it's bad weather for confidence of the people by bald assertions drying,1

"There's something in that."

and when I came home I walked upstains without knowing the paint was wet. Have you ever had your stair-treads painted?"

"Never." Then the dust and the smula settle on the paint

Act of Parliament." Is it? I hate the house. I hate every side. Dr. H. L. Reddy, B. A., M. D., L. R. C.

room in it. I hate my wife. I hate myself. I. "Come now | Just another spot. . . That's

A PUBLIC WARNING. Snooks went home that night, as I thought, in a more cheerful frame of mind. I had persuaded him to bear up manfully. But next morning Mrs. Snooks appeared in a state of "Well, my wife took it into her head that it hysteria. She said that Snooks had gone rav-

> "I'm showing them how to paint," he shouted, dipping his brush in the pot, flourishing it. over his head, and bespatiering my black coat

chuckled.

with splotches of white, "Snooks," said I, "you're a fool." "Wait a minute, old chap," he grinned. "I"

come down and paint you," I fled, with Mrs. Snooks at my heels. He pursued us to the door laughing like a maniac.

I led the poor woman to my bouse. "What am I to do?" she sobbed.. "He has been trying to paint us all. He painted his Sheration wardtobe, before I got up. Hs painted the coal scuttle and the parquet floor.

I can't stop him. What am I to do?" Coor Snooks is now in a private asylum-He paints his padded cell from morning to night,-James Douglas in Morning Leader.

Auctions.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 9th day of December, clean the paper. They spent days dabbing 1907, at 3 P.M., at the Offices of the Public about with sponges and pails and wet cloths. Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND. at Lai Chi Kok, New Kowloon, in the Territories of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, from 5th April, 1904, with the option of renewal at a CROWN RENT to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty, the KING, for one further term of 75 years il competent for the Government so to make it. . .

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Intimations:

THE BRIGHT SIDE

of life. It is a feeling common to the majority of na that we do not get quite the amount of happiness we greentitled to., Among the countless things which tend to make us more or less miserable ill health takes first place. Hannah More said that sin was generally to be attr buted to billioushess. No doubt a crippled liver with the resulting implied blood, is the cause of more mental gloom than any other single thing. And who can reckon up the fearful aggregate of pain, loss and fear which are familiar to mankind : like a vast "Wouldn't it have been better to have taken' cloud, it hangs over a multitude no one can number. You can see these people every-"Of course, it would. It's the only way, where. For them life can scarcely be said to It's stark, staring folly to let painters inside | have any "bright side" at all. Hence the

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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF

I OTICE is hereby given that W. C. HARRISON AND COMPANY of

TRADE MARK.

Commercial Road, Port Adelaide, State of

South Australia Commonwealth of Australia,

Millers and Merchants, have on the 20th day

of August, 1907, applied for the Registration

in Hongkong in the Register of Trade Matks

in the name of W. C. HARRISON AND COMPANY who claim to be the sole Proprinters thereof.

The Trade Mark has been used by the applicants since 1889 in respect of Flour, Semolina, Whenten Meal and other Products

A facsimile of the Trade Mark can be seen. at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkphg, and also at the Offices of the Undersigned.

Dated the 4th day of October, 1907. MATTHEW J. D. STEPHENS, Solicitor for the Applicants.

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE,

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF

TRADE MARK. LOTICE is hereby given that STEVEN-N SON & HOWELL, LIMITED, of Standard Works, 95a. Southwark Street, London, S.E., England; Manufacturing Chemists, have on the 19th day of Seplember, 1907, applied for the Registration, in Hongkong, in the Register of Trade Marks, of the following

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The Trade Mark has been used by the applicants in respect of the following goods:-Essences, Essential Oil, Colourings, Flavourings, Brewing Sugars, Caramels, Finings, Preservatives, Headings, Soda-Bicarbonato facture of Beverages and Confectionery and in the Preparation of Food, in Class 42, and Essences, Flavourings, and Colourings (all containing alcohol) for Domestic Use, in Class 43.

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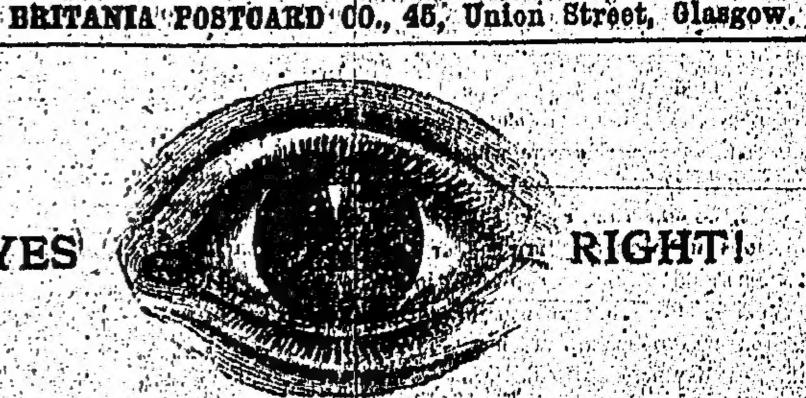
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[From Our Own Correspondent.]

In my letter of yesterday I reported the pro-

coodings at a meeting held on Thursday of the

Steam Launch Owners' Guild at which, besides

the numerous owners of steam-launches engag-

ed on riverine trade, there were present hun-

dreds of people to follow the discussion of

the vexed question of the policing of the water-

ways of Kwangtung. This subject, which has

now for some time been agitating the minds of

officials, merchants and gentry, alike, assumed

a new phase with the advent of the powerful

British flotilla to patrol the waterways of South

China comprised within the territorial waters

of the Empire." It is somewhat singular that,

and the students even the females among

them have held monster indignation meetings

which decried British co-operation with the

Provincial Government in putting down piracy

by a demonstration of force, those more imme-

diately concerned exhibit the unwented window

at this juncture, in counselling a thorough pa-

cific attitude towards the approach of the Brit

ish war vessels. The resolutions passed at

Thursday's orderly and remarkably well-organ-

ized meeting were pregnant with commonsense

and a degree of practical wisdom not usually

associated with mass meetings in Canton. The

suggestion that itinerant preachers should be

employed to exhort perfect frier dliness, in the

riverine districts, towards the ships of a friendly

putting down of brigandage and lawlessness

on the commercial highways of the Province,

is a tribute to the business instinct of the

meeting. It was also resolved by the meeting

to disclaim any anti-foreign feelings, and the

steps, which will be taken, as a result of the

suggestions adopted by the Steam Launch

Owners' Guild will go a long way to suppress

would show itself on the appearance of the

British Naval force in the upper reaches of the

the feeling, of rowdyism which, it was feared

while the Viceroy, the officials, the gentr

Canton, 6th December, 1907.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1907.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION IN THE VAR BAST.

A very informative article, the result of investigations made on behalf of the Far Hastern Review, appears in the latest issue of that monthly on the subject of railway construction in the Far East. At the outset, the writer believes that 1908 will prove a record year in the building of railways, and proceeds to give his arguments in favour of that view. Japan has concluded the gigantic task of nationalizing her railways, including under Government control 18 lines with a mileage of 4,809 miles. Last year the Japanese Government appropriated yen 158,8 10,000 and the estimates for the coming year will reach yen 29,900,000,000, which covers the purchase and doubling of the old lines and the construction of over 1,000 miles additional lines to be added to the system. Besides this we read that Prince Ito favours the floating of yen 120,000,000 of Korean railway bonds and using the proceeds in giving the dependency a complete system of modern railways. The Russian Government is taking the aggressive in opening up her great Rastern wheat lands. For the Amur railroad alone she has approprinted 2,500,000 roubles. In addition, concessions in Mongolia are under way and Russian and Chinese capital is jointly interested in the construction of several lines that will open up a new empire. Scarcely a day passes that does not record ed at about Y400,000. Of this sum Y200,000 some new ratiway project proposed in some part of the Chinese empire. From Manchuria comes the news of stiff rate competition between the Japanese-controlled and the Chinese lines, a cheerful note in itself since it means a greater impetus to trade. The reply, which was shown to us, speaks for countries. Whenever a case is reported by the handsome sum acqually, Chinese principals Just a few weeks ago another section of the Shanghai-Nanking Railway was thrown open to traffic. Amoy is waking up to her needs

in the way of transportation and the projected line that is to tap a rich territory and place it close to the market for its products is being surveyed. In fact, almost before the project is under way it is proposed to make the initial line the nucleus of a system which in conjunction with the other South China lines will satisfy every demand, for transportation facilities in that rich territory. From indications, the railroads under way will make better progress in construction next year than in the past. Many obstacles have been overcome duting the past year and the misunderstandings that embarrass the management have in a large measure been adjusted. No mention is made of the Conton-Hankow railway or the line from Kowloon to Canton, except indirectly and that with respect to the attitude adopted by the Chinese in deciding to keep the control of the railways under their own administration. In this connection our contemporary observes :-"The construction work in Yunnan province which has been delayed on account of mis apprehension on the part of the Chinese authorities may be expected to continue more satisfactorily during 1908. The Ch nese are awakening to the vast possibilities of the country with the introduction of more modern facilities for transportation and the modernizing of its natural industries. There are instances where more zeal than knowledge is displayed in their endeavour to secure all the benefits of Western institutions by urging immediate Chinese control of construction and operation, without regard to capacity or experience. This anxiety has developed a sentiment that would exclude foreign capital and initiative regardless o consequences. This attitude, at this time, is not consistent with the conservatism of the Chinese people and there is reason to believe no such feeling will long prevail when the advantages of having the co-operation of experienced engineers and practical railroad managers as against inexperienced native di rection will have been realized. At the present time foreign capital seems ready and willing to share in this feature of China's development and there, is reason to believe that a better understanding between foreign capital ists and the Peking Government would prove a much desired factor in furthering this great work. For years to come, China would benefit from foreign direction of ler railroads, and natural and desirable from the view-poin of ambitious and patriotic Chinese as Chinese management might appear lack of experience is sure to result in delay, discouragement and even failure in many in-

stances. The fear that in some way the

integrity of Chinasis menaced by the invest

ment of foreign capital and energy mus

give place to an era of confidence in which

the development of the resources should be

the main end. This this development pro-

gresses, the Chinese will have the benefit

of the experience and the training so that

control of their ratiroads and direct the

intelligently. Foreign enterprise, should

be encouraged and fostered in every way

consistent with the general welfare.". That

is a view which is certainly open to dis-

cussion, for if the Chinese will supply th

capital necessary, as they can, for the build-

ing of railway lines, and if they can administer

the affairs of those railways satisfactorily it is

difficult to see why they should call in

foreign help, especially after the experience

they have had of foreign syndicates in

Sou h China. / fter referring to the pro-

Federated Malay States and Netherlands

Indies, in each of which countries

rapid development is evident, the writer

alludes briefly to what is being done in the

Philippine Islands. There, we learn, there

are over 800 miles of railway under construc-

tion and Manila has 30 miles of trainway

This means that in two years the archipelago

will enter on an era of development that has

marked the history of other sections of the

Orient where the locomotive has led the

way. In Indo China there are 408 kilometers,

of railroad in operation and riss8 kilometers

under construction or projected.. For this

purpose the French Chambers approved in

1898 a loan of 200,000,000 francs. When

this system is completed Indo-China and

Tonkin will be connected with Yunnan

and there will be few sections not brought

within easy distance of the markets. After

a careful review of what has been accom-

plished in recent years and the projected

construction under wag, the writer concludes

that there does not seem any place for the

pessimist in Far Eastern affairs during the

year 1908-a sentiment with which the

THE cost of the steel armour plate used in the

construction of the battleship Kuram & which

was recently launched at Yokohama, is estimat-

-has been defrayed out of the estimate for last

year, and the balance out of the estimate for

YESTERDAY, a gentleman wrote to a certain

Japanese tradesman in the Colony, asking him

to call on him to day on a matter of business.

But will come with the funeral end !"

majority of observers will probably agree.

gress of railway works in Siam, th

Allusion was made to the memorandum their grievances submitted by the Launch Guil to the merchants and gentry of Canton at the request of the latter. The document is a volu minous one. I forward a rough translation herewith. It is to the following effect .-

A representation by the guild of Chinese launch owners to the mass meeting of man

chents and people : Commercial enterprises necessarily depend on vehicular medium on land and boats on water. This essential has been recognised from ancient times, but has increased within th last century by leaps and bounds. Kwangtung is a maritime province, and the merchandise conveyed through the delta of the Chukiang river necessitates the improvement of such conveyance by using cargo-junks towed by steam-launches, within recent years, This facility has been appreciated by all traders and travellers in the Liang Kwang provinces. The business returns of every town and market reached as a result of the introduction of steamnavigation inland have been found to be increasing yearly. At the commencement of the reign of our Gracious Emperor Kwang Su, Chinese merchants began to introduce steam-navigation into the waters of the interior. Thence, up to the 28th year (five years ago), there has never been any ordinance made for the appointment of a surveyor to examine our launresorted to foreign registration and various flags | be compared to prohibiting a man with a pair given for the development of mercantile ship. entertains a grudge against the launch owners launch and junk business and found that it was | dragon flag before he can be appeared? brought about mainly by the restrictions imposed by the marine surveyor of the I. M. flying foreign flags. Customs and by the detentions and oppressive regulations enforced by the Customs officers. | launches flying the dragon flag are mostly seen Their actions are similar to the driving away in the in and navigat on trade instead of which of the fish from the sea and the birds from the, launches under foreign flags may be seen every-

merchants and people of Kwangtung. We pray for your success.

The following are our grievances :--1 M. Customs.

always allowable by shipping laws of most mission paid to foreigners, which aggregate a itself. "I must not come," wrote the Japanese. out-door staff to the Commissioner of Customs, may be involved in losses, in various ways. of having secretly tempered with the safety lect our interests. Chinese merchants are thus permitted to go home,

va've without making inquiries lato the cire impalled to seck protection under the regis of comstances, and, for each offence, the owner has foreign Governments. Whose fault is this? to pay a heavy fine of 500 Haikwan taels or to suffer the forfeitute of his launch. He (the Com- headquarters on Chinese owned launches. missioner) never considers that the profit made by a launch in one year is quite small and such or towing junks for the loland trade are a fine, once inflicted, often leads to the ruln of the business. Besides dangers from storm and pirates are prevalent on the waterways of import or export trade. The sole purpose Kwangtung. If the evil of such oppressive, for establishing the likin head quarters here fines be not remedied, and the surveyor be not instructed to permit 20 more lbs of steam-prossure to be employed by towing launches than those carrying passengers, both the launch and junk will be in worse peril than the explosion of the steam valve when any accident happens. The shipping ordinances of al countries allow the getting up of more steam in an emergency. For instance, even in Hongkong where strict regulations must be observed by all shipping, a launch would be fined about Sic for unnecessarily using more steam. Why a launch owner in Canton should be liable to a penalty over 30 times that inflicted by other countries, is incomprehensible.

(b) Unreasonable restriction on whistle blow-

the way, it has been customary for launches to blow their whistles to draw the formers nitention in order to avoid collisions. It is now against the rules of the Custom House for launches to blow their whistles within the har- | Merchants and travellets are rightfully indigbour and a fine of to Enikwan toels is in nant with such delays and annoyances. We flicted for each offence. During the few days propose that a petition should be sent to the immediately after the promulgation of that rule, local authorities requesting that the searches under that oppressive regulation. Now the original purport of the likin regulations, Canton harbour is always crowded with craft resulting in damage-to property and loss of Power which have come to co-operate in the local- mandarins greatly detrimental to the

> to deliver their books and papers to the Customs when staying at Canton.

The privilege for keeping their books and papers on board while anchoring at Canton was formerly allowed to all launches. Whenever they were engaged to go anywhere, kwan thela each and, as mentioned above, over they could always apply to the Customs for a 30, launches were fined for blowing their special permit to do so, Recently it has whistles. Now the evil can only be remedied been enacted by the Customs that launches by reducing the oppressive fines imposed by must surrender their books and papers the Customs, doing away with the interference when staying at Canton under heavy penalty by the likin bareau and especially discontinufor any infringement. No permit will be issued log the restrictions by the Marine Surveyor. to any launch after 4 p.m., so they cannot go Ve propose to engage a European and a Chianywhere even if well paid to do so after that hour. Inconvenience to launches by this rule our own surveyors. When Chinese launches aften causes injurities results to other lines of business.

2. Oppression by the Marine Surveyor. The value of each launch is over \$10,000 on an average. Does the owner not know that his vessel must be in good condition before being able to compete with others? Injuries have frequently been sustained by the owners since their launches are under the surveyor's direction under the high sounding term of ensuring their safety. Whenever an application is made for the yearly renewal of the surveyor's certificate in accordance with the existing regulation, he is empowered to order, whatever he pleases without. any appeal. Repairs and alterations are often nsisted upon when none are necessary. 'More-over, owners of launches are never plainly told as to where or how, their launches should be repaired or altered, at the first examination. When they apply for a certificate by going through a second examination after the repairs and alterations have been done, they are told that such and such new repairs and alterations ches. There have been tranquillity and pro- are needed, eg, the changing of the keel and sperity during those years because the merchants | ribs, raising the boiler and similar laborious and people understood how to take care of their works. Very often the whole hull has to lives and property without any interference, undergo complete alteration by repeated an-Since the 28th year, a marine surveyor has noyances as described above. And such been appointed by the L.M. Customs which, alteration, not being done all at, once, would under the pretext of superintending the ex- often take several months and cost thousands amination of the bull and machinery of the of dollars to complete. However, when launches, has produce I harmful results, and the launches are finally repaired and altered to the restrictions put upon us are oppressive to a the surveyor's entire satisfaction, only an indegree. The consequence is that many launch | adequate amount of steam-pressure is permitowners have been ruined and others have ted in the engines. This is absurd and may of foreign Powers are now to be seen every- of strong legs to walk any faster. A beautifully where on the inland waters. This, question litted up launch is as uscless as a rotten one, touches the prestige and revenue of our The original cause of this evil is, besides investcountry, and it is deplorable when mentioned, ling absolute power in a foreigner, whose Fortunately there has been a discussion by the verdict is final, unquestionably due to the Ministers in Pekingra' how facilities should be machinations of an assistant [name given] who ping. We formed the " entral Guild of because they jointly petitioned to H.E. Shum, Launch Owners of the inland waters of Kwang- the ex-V ceroy, last year on his alleged misung" by calling them together during the fifth | conduct. Is it not deplorable that this man mone of this year. After this, we investigated should manifest his determination of suining the cause of the depressed condition of the all the business done by launches under the

3. The loss to the country by steam-launches

(a) It is an honour to the nation, when wood. Other commercial lines also suffer on ac- where in the interio. (b) The tonnage dues We hereby enumerate our grievances clause | headquarters amount to tens of dollars in a year by clause for your (gentlemen's) consideration | which is not charged to launches under foreign-

and hope that you will devise means to bring flags. Thus a loss to the revenue is obvious. about the redress earnestly awaited by the (c) Should any unrest occur in the interior, Chinese-owned launches may be commandeered for the transport of soldiers and commissprint by the Government if their number 1. Oppressive fines, imposed on us by the sufficiently strong. But when the foreign-registered ones are on the increase, that power be-(a.) The severity of the marine surveyor's longs to foreign nations whenever a conflict restriction on the amount of steam pressure happens. (d) The profit from the passenger trade. permitted on a launchiv-When a launch is un- and goods traffic goes to foreigners, who can der way, emergencies may happen, such as, a monopolize the trade when their launches are gale, strong floods, piracies, etc. She is com- in superior numbers. (e) Launches purchased pelled to use more steam under such circum- with Chinese capital are often made to seek stances. Such actions under exigencies are foreign registry. Thus, besides the com-

4. The unlawful searches made by the Likin

Itisobvious that launches carrying passengers different from river steamboats from Hongkong and Macao which carry cargo for was to collect likin duties which had escaped the six likin barriers on import and export cargo. Thus steamers or junks from Hongkong and Macao should be submitted to the seatches of the likin officers. Now those officers indis criminately interfere with every launch to the interior. So there is no discrimination between inland trade and foreign trade, while the former. suffers a doube imposition of likin duties greatly detrimental to general commerce. A most inexplicable point is that there has never been any search on paddle-wheel junks and bailing junks which carry the same-cargo and go to the same places as the launch-towing junks while "the latter are subjected !! such a disgraceful treatment. The annual income to the likin bureau from dues Whenever other vessels may be blocking collected from junks towed by launches only amounts to a few thousand dollars, Thi will not make up for the trouble and inconvenience to the number of launches every morn; ing when they are departing from Canton. launches to the number of over 30 were fined should be discontinued in accordance with the

The above are only outlines of the appresof all sizes." Without hearing the whistle, they sions we, Chinese merchants, suffer, which are often fail to give way. Consequently, collisions often extremely unreasonable. For instance, Mr. Yu Kiu-yao, the chairman of our guild, bad tives are happening-frequently and law suits at the beginning of this year, an interview with are continually going on in the courts of the Mr. Meyer, the Commissioner of Customs, and explained our grievattes to him. He cordially promised to facilitate business and reduce the (c) Inconvenience to launches by having fines to \$; on the first offence, \$10 on the and, and \$10 (the highest limit) on the 3rd and all subsequent charges. We gladly published this news. But no

sooner was this done than the steam-launches Woo Shan and Chii Liu were fined 500 H inese engineer with 1st class cortificates to be need a fresh exumination for the renewal of their certificates, they can apply to our guild and our surveyors will make the necessary report for the Commissioner of Customs to issue the required papers without delay. Besides paying the expenses for our own surveyors, we will still defray the Customs' fee of 20 tacls for each certificate Thus the Customs' revenue will not suffer any loss and the benefit reaped by us is immense. For example, the large shipping firms of Hongkopg, like Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. and Butterfield & Swire, etc., have their superintending engineers who examine the hulls and engines of their steamers. So, when any paper never any delay or oppression as we have suffered at the hands of the Customs officers, The future prosperity of the inland naviga-

tion business depends entirely upon an immediate reform of existing onerous regulations.

CANTON DAY BY DAY,

THE "SAINAM" PIRACY. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 6th Decembers A Peking telegram states that H.E. the Viceroy has wired to the Waiwupu reporting ing of the necessary funds in order that he had been in receipt of a despatch from the British Consul General at Canton, in which the Consullaid stress on the case of piracy of the s.s. Sainam, but not so on others; so that the proporal of placing the West River patrol service under the control of the Customs Commissioner and, the continuance of the policing, by the British flotilla may be abandoned. When the British Minister at Peking makes further representations on the subject, the Waiwupu is requested to reply to the effect that negotiations in connection with the piracy of s.s. Sainam and the West River patrol should be transferred to the British Consul at Canton for satisfactory arrangement and settlement.

BIR CHENTUNG. Yesterday Sir Chentung Linng Cheng, the newly elected president of the Canton-Hankow Railwa: Company, too' over charge of office and was courteously received by the members of the board of directors. The Company has accordingly sent a telegram to the Ministry of Posts and Communications at Peking to report the date of the assumption of duties by Sir Chentung as president of the Company,

RETURN OF LI CHUN, Ex-Brigadier-General of Pakhol, Li Chun, arrived here yesterday from Yumchow by the count of the depression of the shipping business. paid by a Chinese owned faunch to the likin. Chinese gunboat Fuk Po and has called on H.E. the Viceroy to report his arrival as well as on the present state of affairs in the prefecture Li also showed to U.E. the seals and fligs and other articles that he captured from the bandits in Yumchow and brought over to

A LONG-COATED Chingman, who was more or less under the influence of liquor, made a misstep last night while on Eastern Street wharf, walked into the harbour. The uplash awak-ned the samp in people in the vicinity, and after much trouble, they succeededlassocing the half-drowned man out of the icy water. He was then removed to No. 7 Police Stations where he passed the night, dressed in the only weallable suit of clothing the station-the sult used by the coolies; while doing painting work. The Chinaman refused to give his proper name, but volunteered the information that he was a solicitor's clerk, which is doubted. Early this morning "I have some business. . . I have a funeral. be invariably passes a sentence upon the lapnch Alas There is no law in our country to pro- bis clothing having sufficiently dried, he was

Telegrains.

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SERVICE.

WEST RIVER PATROL.

THE BRIT SH FLOTILLA.

opposition by cantonese at peking.

[From Our Oson Correspondent.]

Shumeon, 7th Decsmber. A telegram has been received here.

from Peking. The message reports that the Cantonese officials at the Capital, on learning of the despatch of the British flotilla to police the waterways of Kwangtung, wired to the

to communicate with the British Admiral with a view of securing, as soon as possible, the withdrawal of the British vessels from the special

Viceroy requesting His Excellency

The Peking Cantonese appreliend that, if the squadron continue to police the waterways, trouble might

CONDITIONAL WITHDRAW AL OF THE FLOTILLA.

WAIWUPU'S INSTRUCTIONS TO VICEROY CHANG.

BRITISH CLAIMS, TO BE PAID.

[From Our Oun Correspondent.].

Canton, 7th December." Another despatch on the subject of piracy has been received by the authorities, by telegram, from Peking.

The wire is from the Waiwupu to: Viceroy Chang:

The despatch states that representations have been received from the British Minister who urges that, if immediate payment is made of the indemnities for piracies on British vessels on the West River, the withs required from the Harbour Office, there is drawal of the British flotilla will immediately follow.

Vicercy Ching is instructed to cause a correct statement to be drawn up of all British vessels pirated, with the amounts of compensation due in respect of each.

II. E. is also instructed to make immediate arrangements for the raisto meet the outstanding claims.

It is desired that a satisfactory settlement should be arrived at an

EX-VICEROY SHUM.

PROCEEDING TO PEKING.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shameen, 7th December. It is reported from Shanghai that. H.E. ex-Vic roy Shum, in obedience to Imperial commands, is shortly

[As reported by ins last evening an Imperial pescript was issued through the Grand Council on the 28th ultimo ordering Tree Chun-hauen, ex-Viceroy of the Liang-kwang provinces, to proceed to Peking without delay - Ed., H K.T.]

MUCH excitement was fel by the occupiers of,

proceeding to l'eking

a house at 19, Yes Yik Lane at about one o'clock yesterday, morning by, the strange actions of a Chinaman named Chan San. From what transpired at the Police Court, this morning, it would appear that Chan went to the house for supper. While the "chow" was being prepared he commenced to dance, The mistress of the house objected, but the unruly Chan continued to stamp londer than before. When he was ordered out of the house he rushed to the hat-stand, picked up his umbrella, and knocked over a kerosene oil lamp which was burning on a small table. The lamp fell, to the floor with a crash and exploded, and but for the quick measures taken by those in the house there is no knowing what would have occurred. Chan was given in charge. At the Police Court, this morning, he was fined \$3 for his conduct.

Telegrams.

Renter's.

Canada and Japan. London, 5th December.

Sir Wilfred Laurier, speaking at Ottawa, attacked the Opposition Leaders on their attitude towards Japan. He said he would never do anything which could possibly endanger the Anglo-Japanese alliance. It was not worthy of a party Leader to neglect his duty to the country in order to court popularity.

Germany.

The sitting of the Reichstag was suspended yesterday, after a stormy scene in consequence of Herr Passche, the Nationa Liberal Leader, attacking the Government in connection with the army scandals.

It is stated that Prince Buelow has threat ened to resign.

CRIME IN HUNGKONG.

A SMAL FOLICE CALENDAR.

procession it will be interesting to learnthat, contraryto all expectations; the Police Court calendar the few cases of robberies and pickpacketingto be precise, six in number-that have come the credit must go to Capitala Lyons (Superintendent of Police), Chief Inspector Baker and the other inspectors for the able manner the crowd was hindled, thus prevent; ing further robberies. Of the six afrests made, all in the Central district, three alleged pickpockets were found not guilty by the magistrate, this morning, and released. One, Ng Chuen, who is accused of robbing a hawker of \$3.65, was remanded to allow further inquiries to be made. The fifthe-than Shing was sentenced to a month's hard labour for removing a gold earpick, valued at \$18, from a 'Chinawoman's head at noon, yesterday, while the last man, who was seen sliding down the waterpipe of house 181, Queen's Road Central, early yesterday morning, by Indian policeman 697, was given three weeks' imprisonment.

IAPANUSE GODOWN ENTERED.

THIEVES REMOVE LARGE QUANTITY OF

Leung Tin, a coolie, residing at Third Street, and Kwan Loi, of 126, Second Street, West Point, were apprehended yesterday for the larceny of \$125 worth of Japanese crockery ware frim a godown at. West Point, and a painter, and a grocer, residing at 70 and .68 Second, Street, respectively, and a shopkeeper, of First Street, were arrested on charges of purchasing the stolen crockery.

The godown in question is situated at 270 Des Vœux Road Central, and is rented by Mr. Saga, a Japanese curio dealer, carrying on business at .86, Queco's Road Central. On. the 5th instant, Mr. Saga paid a visit to the godown and discovered that threves had enter ed the premises. Four or five cases of his best crockery ware were missing. Inspector Collett was soon notified, and a close examination showed that the robbers had entered the godown by climbing over a twelve feet wall which surrounds the building. Once over the wal the thisyes had a clear field, and no trouble was experienced in getting admittance, for the rear door of the godown was not lacked. Detectives soon traced the missing goods to the people who purchased them, and from these persons sufficient information was received to arrest the two men, who were alleged to have entered

the godown. At the Police Cout, this morning, the quintette weie brought up for trial. The receivers showed to the satisfaction of the Court that at the time they purchased the clockers they were not aware that they were buying stolen goods, and were discharged. The other two were convicted of theft and sentenced to six weeks' hard labour each.

THE CHINESE PROCESSION.

ANTI-OPIUM DEKONSTRATION

OPPOSED BY OPIUM FARMERS.

We understand that, in connection with that section of the monster procession concluding to-day, which demonstrates the evil results of the opium habit when indulged in to excess, the Opium Farmers have, through their splicitors, made representations to the organizing committee of the procession, in opposition to the anti-opium demonstration,

the peace had become aware of his approach | was at its regish. and one escaped. The other-Takomadoseirehled,

BND UF A DARING PIRACY.

SUPPOSED PIRATES SENT TO PRISON.

Eight men, who were alleged to have been concerned in pirating a cargo-boat midway between Hongkong and Macao, on the 30th Septe ber last, lost their liberty at the Magirtracy on Thursday last: In all ten men were arrested, but owing to the lack of evidence charges of piracy could not be preferred against them. Eight of the accused, however, were indicted for being in possession of a stolen junk and the remaining two for bringing stolen property into the Colony. The latter two were found not guilty and were discharged, while the others paid the penalty for their guilt.

Readers will recollect that at daybreak on the 30th September last a cargo-boat, carrying eleven of a crew, which included two women and a child, lest Macao, bound for this port. On the afternoon of the following day she was attacked by a number of pirates. The crew were driven into the hold and battened down until the early morning of the 4th October when the skipper and his fokis were put ashore on an uninhabited island to shift for themselves. The pirates then sailed away, taking, with them the two women and the child. The cargo-boat, which was valued at \$1,000, had on board 1640 worth of clothing and jewellery, the property of the crew, and \$650 worth of pearly, the personal property of a pas-Despite the large influx of Chinese into the | senger. Once ashere the skipper discovered that Colony during the last few days to witness the | two of his crew-the steersman and a seaminwere missing. They were not on board the cargo-boat when they left it, and the only conthis morning did not show any extraordinary clusion that could be arrived at was that during increase in the number of cases coming before | the excitement both men jamped overboard the magistrates for trial. As a matter of fact and were drowned. For two days the refugees remained on the island without food or water. and without sighting a sail. On the morning within the natice of the police during the past. of the third day, however, when they had almost forty-eight hours were of such a character as to | given up hope of being rescued, a passing fishappear inconsequential. This speaks highly ing boat, which was bound for Stanley, was hailfor the police, and when it is considered led, and in that the unfortunate crew were nut that in every case an arrest has been effected, ashore at Aberdeen, arriving there on the 13th, These they remained, for several days. Nothing was known to the police of the outrage until one night towards the end of October; when Inspector Kerr, while out making inquiries into another piracy case, came across this junk anchored in Aberdeen Bay. He boarded the craft and questioned those on board hs to who was the owner of the junk. very doubtful story was fold him by one of the 'crew' and he decided to act 'straight away. He arrested the eight men on board and seized the junk. Further inquiries resulted in the capture of the other two men and the recovery of a large part of the stolen property nt Yau-ma-ti. The owner of the cargo-boat was then traced, and the piracy became known. The trial of the accused lasted many weeks, and it was not until Thursday that Mr. Hazeland was able to decide the matter. Two of the suspects be discharged, six others were sent to gaol for terms of six months' each, with

COTTON SPINNING-IN -TAPAN.

six hours' stocks, and two others were fined

ston each, the option being two months

imprisonment.

According to the investigations made by the Nippon Ginko the tetal amount of Authorised capital for the new enterprises which had been promoted since the termination of the late Russa-'apanese war amounted at the end of October to Y1,266,000,000 and that for the exension of already existing companies to Y523,00 ,0:0, making the grand tota Y 1,789,0.0,000. Among the numerous new coterprises which had been promoted during the period of the business "boom" subsequent, to the restoration of peace, many have been obliged to collapse as the result of the intense financial depression which has prevailed since the beginning of the present year. Some of them have either cur tailed the amount of their capital or have been incorporated with other companies already carrying on business. There are also some schemes which are, so to say, in a state of unstable equilibrium, oscillating between dissolution and floration. 'It will be of some interes to those who are interested in the future Japanese post beliam enterprises to know the actual condition of those companies which have withstood the figancial crisis and are on the fair road to healthy development. The following is a general account of the actual conditions of companies-newly promoted and old onesof various descriptions:-

Spinning Industry, According to the latest statistics the annual production of cotton yarn in Japan amounts to about 1,000,000 bales, of which two-thirds are taken up for home consumption and one-third for export, chiefly to China. For the first six months of the current year the total output was 504,000 bales, of which 365,000, bales were sold in Japan and 138;000 bales experted to foreign countries, For the second half-year it is expected that the amount of export will be considerably less on account of the depreciation of silver exchange rates. Turning attention to the past of the cotton spinning industry in Japan, it was just after the termination of the Chine-Japanese war that the industry gained its first impetus and many extensive spinning mills were POLICE CONSTABL" Wilson while on duty at established in various localities of Japan, Wanchai on Toursday night was summoned with Osaka as the principal centre of the to a certain house on the Praya to nut an end cotton spinning industry. With the subseto-n disturbance, "Two Japanese," his was quent increase in the demand for cotton yarn told, "with clisp knives in the hands were many new factories were set up on an extenseeking admission to the house." Before the sive scale, and during the years 1901-1903 the officer could reach the spot the disturbers of prosperity of the cotton spinning companies

'After the Russa-Japanese war, the spinning was pursued and captured. In his belt was industry underwent a somewhat different phase found n knife. He was removed to No. 2 Police | compired to other industries. Instend of new Station and charged with disorderly behaviour, companies being promoted in large rumbers and released on \$5 bail. He did not put in an I many old concerns had recourse to the extenappearance at the Police Court, this morning, sion of their factories. The Nippon Ginko rewhen the case was called and his ball was turns for the month of Cctober quote the authorised capital of new cotton apinning com- lings to the Company,

panies at Y37,000,000, while that for extension is quoted at Y52,000,000. The names of the newly-promoted companies with their author-

ised capital are as follows :--Niss in Spinning Co.......Y10,000,000 Toyo Spinning Co...... 20,000,000 Nippon Silk and Cotton Spin-

ning Co... 3,000,000 To-a Spinning Co...... 10,000,000 Taisei Spinning Co......

Ogaki Spinning Co...... 5,000,000 The above six companies are those which have been newly promoted, while there are about 17 old companies which have decided upon the extension of their works, including such big concerns as the Tokyo Spinning Company and the Kanegasuchi Spinning Company. Out of the six new companies above enumerated two, namely, the To-a and Ogaki Spinning Companies, have already gone into liquidation and two have been incorporated with the old companies, the Tsaisei with the Fukushima Spinning Company and the Nippon Silk and Cotton with the Kanegafuchi Spinning Company. The only concern which has completed its first call on shares and is progressing with the work of construction is the Nisshin Spinning Company, while the work of extension in the old companies is being pushed on with great energy and speed, as may be seen from the ful owing account of the progress of work in some of the

Ninnkin Boseki Kabushiki Krwaisha (Chinese Japanese Spinning Co.) .- The above company. the managing director of which is Mr. Fukuta ro Sakuma, is a concern with the authorised ospital of Y10,000,000, of which Y2,500,000, the first call on shares, has been paid up. The formal permission for the establishment of the company have been granted in January, the site for construction of the mills has been selected in the neighb wrhood of the celebrated Kameido temple in the suburbs of Tokyo. The building of the No. 1 spinning mill has been almost completed, and the No: 2 mill is in course of construction at present. The total number of spindles for the first business perior is 50,9.8 and the number of mill hands about. 1,000, almost all of whom have been already contracted for. It is expected that the company wil commence business about March of

Toyo Spinning Ca .- The chief promoters of this company are Messrs. Kyogo Kikuchi and Seitaro Kameoka. Its capital is Y2,000,000, it being the intention of the promoter to work in the first stage 20,000 spindles and 200 weaving machiness. On account of financial depression some difficulty appears to have been experienced in the call for shares and it is a question whether the company will be able to survive the present financel depression of not. From one print of view the company may be looked upon as an extension of the Amaga aki Spinning Company, because out of the total number of 40,000 shares. half have been allotted to the shareholders' of the above-mentioned company, and 10,000 shares are to be taken by the promoters of the company and the residents of the locality where the mills are to be set up. The number of shares to be offered to the general public is the remaining 10,000, so that even if there is any difficult experienced in the call on shares there will be no fear of the company being dissolved, the most probable alternative being the incorporation of the company with the Amagasaki Spinning Company.

Te ahove is the actual condition of the spinning companies which have been newly promoted. There are also 17 or 18 old concerns which have decided upon or are contemplating extensions in their mills, the estimated increase in the number of spit dles being more than 500, co. With regard to the three spinning co panies in Tokyo the following i the latest account; -

Kaneg fuchi Stirring Company. - The extension of the work in the above company has been pushed an with great energy of late especially since the incorporation of the Nin pon Cotton and Silk Spinning Company (authorised capital Y3,000,000 and paid up capual Y750,000) this spring. The new buildings in the neighbourhood of the principal factory in Tukyo being on the point of completion, the machinery will be set up at an early date and it is expected that operations will be commenced from next year. The extension of the Kyoto Spinning (silk) Mill, has also been commenced, and the foundations of the branch cotton spinning mill at Takasagu, in the provice of Harima, have been laid, -When all period might be even more unsatisfactory in these extensions are in full working order the company will have the addition of 62,000 of commodities generally and the general

Tolyo Cotton Stiming Company .- This company, which has been established with the paid-up capital of Y750, oo, made two extensions during last year and it now an influential concern with an authorised capital of Y4,820,000 of which Y5,100,000 has been paid up. The extension works at the main factory in Fukagawa for 10,000 spindles have already been completed, and a new factory is to be set up in the neighbourhood Senju, the site for which has already been lected. The total number of spindles increased will be 60,000 when these new mills are in working order.

Fuji Cotton Splaning Comp my. - The No. 1 new mill at the works of this company in Koyama has been almost completed and the Nr. 2 new mill is in course of construction, being expected to be completed next spring. The new silk spinning mill at flodogaya, near Yokohama, is also in course of construction, the machinery being ready to be set up. It is expected that the work will be in full operation about March of next year. - Japan Chronicle.

In their weekly abare report of to-day's date Meisis, Erich Georg & Co. write: - Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats changed hands pt \$32, closing with buyers; we hear that the passenger traffic during the last few days (in connection with the Chinese Procession of 5th to 7th instant) has resulted in very good carn-

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THE FINANCIAL CRISIS IN THE KIPPON YOSKN KAISHA

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HALF-YZARLY GENERAL MEETING THE EXODUS OF GOLD FROM JAPAN.

At the half-yearly general meeting of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, held in Tokyo on 27th ult., Mr. Kondo, President of the Company, stated that both the goods and passenger traffic on all lines, coasting and foreign, had shows much prosperity during the half-year underreview, but owing to the advance in the prices of commodities and the increase in wages, &c., together with the decline in freight due to the increase in shipping, the result of the working of the company had not prove i altogether favourable.

The board of directors had resolved to rais the rate of freight as fir as practicable and to promote every effort in order to obtain better results in the future; but the l'resident's tone was anything but obtimistic, and he expressed the feat that the results during the coming Yokohama and about a million and a half from consequence of the further advance in prices

depression of trade. Atter a few questions had been put by share- sent to America only for the purpose of obtainholders, a motion was proposed that the ling the premium allowed in New York, amount to be set aside as bonuses for the directors and auditors should be calculated in Bankers' Club, Baron Malsuwo, Governor of proportion to the profit for each period, and the Bank of Japan, said that one of the principfurther, that the sum of Y 1,358, proposed to al causes responsible for the New York financibe devoted to bonuses, should be reduced to al panie was the excessive demand made on Y 27,889 (5 per cent of the net profits for the funds by the new business enterprises underperiod under seview). The motion was lost, taken in America between July of last year and and the amount originally proposed was car- | fune last, the total capital of these enterprises ried by a large majority.

The meeting then proceeded to elect audi- in the silver market was also responsible to tors, and Messrs. Arishima and tida were some extent, the immediate cause being the nominated and re-elected.

According to the report before the meeting, month in consequence of the collapse of the the company's steamers in service on the copper market. The money market in Japan consting and foreign lines during the period thad not yet been so seriously affected as in under review numbered 81, with an aggre- England and France, as the facilities of comgate tonnage of about 2'4,00', in addition to munication between Japan and America were nine Government steamers with a total tonnage opt yet developed to anything like the degree as of about 35,000, together with a number of Between Europe and-America. Now, however, chartered vessels. The cargo carried aggre- that a preminm of 3 per cent, was being paid on gated about 160,600,000 tons, while the pas- gold in New York, said Baron Matsuwo, foreign sengers during the half-year numbered over banks in Yokohama had hegan to convert registered by steamers of the company's fleet they came, into their hands and to remit the was an inevitable consequence of the present. record of the company. The net profit for the period under review financial situation, but although gold was

an ounted to Y1,757,130, but this included a going out of the country it was not being surplus of Y50,342 brought over from the exported to any large amount, Baron Matsuwo

added that the export of raw silk to America preceding period. Of this sum, Y57,889 has been placed to the was almost at a standstill, and the export reterve, Y71,358 will be paid as bonuses to the of collon yate and fabrics to China was directors and auditors; while Y1,100,00 will also depressed in consequence of the failure of be distributed as a dividend, being at the rate cotton yarn merchants of Shanghai and Newof to per cent, per annum; an additional chwang. Thus many different events had special dividend (absorbing Y220,000) at the taken place of late disadvantageous to the rate of a per cent, per annum being also paid, financial position of Japan. He urged those making the total dividend at the rate of 12 per who were engaged in foreign trade and cent and icaving a surplus of Y307,883 to be financial undertakings to work captionsly and Conide forward

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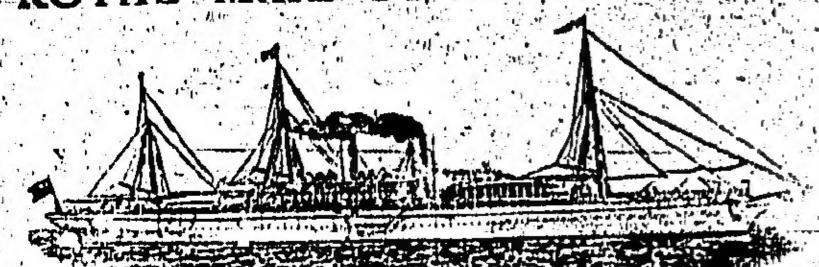
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remain-ing undelivered after the 11th inst, will be All broken, chaled and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on WEDNESDAY, 11th last, at No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN TOMES & Co.

Hosgicong, 3th December, 1907

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "PESHAWUR,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTAM PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS. Consignees of Cargo by the above-named being landed and placed of their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon. Whari and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark. and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before

Goods not cleared by the ruh instant, at P.M., will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in

any case whatever. Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees! and the Company's representative at an

All claims must be presented within ten date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns ...

E. A. HEWETT, Superinter dent.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE

Hongkong, 4th December, 1907.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

having arrived, Consigness of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being lauded and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before THURSDAY, the 5th, of December, at Noon, No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 11th of December, will be subject to rent

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are, to be left in the Godown's, where they will be examined on the 11th of December; at 9.30 A.M. All Claims must reach us before the 15th of December, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. ... NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

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Axents.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1507.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS." NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENARTY," FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon. Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may,

be obtained. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining. undelivered after the 11th inst., will be subject

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 18th inst, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 11th inst., at 11.A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

longkong; 4th December, 1907.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SCANDIA," Captain von Dö iren, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send, in their Bills of Lading for countersignature

at Consignees' risk and expense.

delivery of their goods from alongside. Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice: to the contrary be given before TO-DAY. Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored

by the Undersigned and to take immediate

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steimer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining

undelivered after the to:h inst. will be subject All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected ...

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office. Hongkong, 4th December, 1907.

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Bank of France......31 %

French (Armand Behle) 9th inst. Indian (Arratoon Apcar) 9th inst , a.m. English (Delhi) 12th inst., 8 a.m. Canadian (Empress of India) 16th inst. Australian (Talyuan) 27th inst.

The P. & A. S. S. Co.'s s.s. Alesta arrived at Yokohama on 6th inst , between 4 and 6 p.m. The N. Y. K. sis. Yebotht Maru, Bombay Line, left Moji for this port on 6th inst., and is

expected here on 12th instan The N. Y. K. s.s. Hilachi Baru, European Line, left Shanghai for this port on 6th inst., and is expected here on 9th inst.

The N. Y: K. s.s. Sado Maru, European Line, left Singapore for this port on 6th inst. and is expected here on tath, inst.

The P. & O. S. N. Co.'s ss. Delhi left Singapore for this port on 7th inst., at 8 a.m. with the outward English Mails, and is due here on 12th iast, at about 8 am.

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Nile, Br. s.s., 4,17 , R. P. Markin, 6th Dec ..-London 26th Oct , and Singapore 3 th Nov., Gen.-P. & O. S. N. Co. Bomeo, Gerass, 1,344, F. Sembill, 6th Dec. - andakan 30th Nov., Timber and Gen.

-M. & Co. Keong Wai, Ger. 8 S. 1,115, J. Köhler, 6th Dec. - Bangkok 1st Dec., Rice. - B: & S. Taming, Br. s.s., 1,35 . A. Somerville, 7th Dec. - Manila ath Dec. Gen. - B. & S.

Holhow, Br. s.s., 986. Brymer, 7th Dec.,-Canton 6th Dec, Gen -B. & S. Hinsang, Br. s.s., 2,106, A. G. Smith, 7th Dec.-Newchwang via Dalny, Chefuo and Weihaiwei ist Dec., Gen .- J., M. & Co.

Shoshu Maru, Jan. 8.8., 1,600, M. Nemoto, 7th Dec.,- hanghai via Foochow. Amoy and Swalow 6th Dec., Gen.-O. S. K. Fukushu Main, Jap. 8.8., 1,09 % T. Ito, 7th Dec .- Anning via Amoy and Swatow 4th

Dec . Gen .- '). S. K. Stentor, Br. 8.8 , 6,308, D. Davies, 7th Dec., -Singap re 1st Dec., Gen.—B. & S.

Clearances at the Harbour. Dott, for Bangkok,

Tilkini, for Kobe. Holstein, for Swatow. Atholl, for Sincapore. Nippen Maru, for Shanghai. Chowlal, for Amoy. Rubl, for Manila. Chikli, for Hoihow. Triumph, for Hainhong. Stentor, for Shanghai. Nile, for hanghai. Loongrang, for Manila. M. S. Dollar, for Shanghai Hinsang, for Canton. Vandulia for Shanghai. Vorwingts, for Kwong-chow-wan.

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Nippon Maru, for San Francisco. Pring Sigismund, for Australian Ports. Rubt, for Manila. Tjikini, for Japan. Wenchow, for Canton. Suisang, for Shanghai.

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Per Taming, from Manila-Messes. N. Nelson, G. A. Yvanovich, T. Otsura, A. Chanjora, R. R. Richmond, A. J. B. Purke, 21 Chinese,

and t Indian. Per Nile, for Hongkong from London-Mrs. and Miss Watts and child, Mr. D. Wood Miss Milne, and Mr. J. W. Taylor. From Malta-Mr. and Mrs. Scott Keir. From London for Manila-Mrs., Bucknock Watson and infant. For Shanghai-Mr. and Mrs. P. Lavers and child, Miss Wise, Dr. J C. Beatty, Misses R. Caic, M. Green, Mr. and Mrs. A. Legge and child, Miss M., and Mrs. G., Miss Mould's nurse, Rev. and Miss. Pillow, Mrs. Harvey and infant, Mrs. Monro, Messrs. J. Gibson, A. Mitchell, F. Leary, H., Austin, A' Emery, W. Fairbairn, G. McDonald, N. Horn-Mis. Townsley. From Malta-Capt. E. Towns. | Descallon!

ley. From Singapore—Mis. Abei. Per Stentor, from Singapore-100 Chinese. Per Borneg, Irom Sandakan-Messrs. Darby and Skinner.

Per Shoshu Maru, from hanghai, &c.-

Messrs. C. Clifford (2), and 70 Chinese. Passongers deprited

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Shipping Reports.

Str. Stentor, from Singapore :- Strong N.B.

Str. Tawing, from Manila :- Moderate to strong N.E. monsoon and moderate sea. Sir. Nile, fro a London :- Lat 13° 22 N. Long 11' 40' N. Passed derelict junk just

Str. Hinsang, from Newchwang, &c. :- Walhaiwel to Turnsbont, light westerly wind and smooth fine weather I thence to post fresh monsoot and overcast westlicri

VERSELS IN PORT

Aki Matu, Jap. s.s., 3,995, M. Yagi, 1st Dec. -Seattle via Japan and Shanghai 28th Nov., Flour and Gen.-N. Y. K.

Asia, Br. s.s., 4,975, Harry Gaukroger, 6th Dec,—San Francisco 8th Nov., Honolulu 15th, Yokohama 28th, Kobe 19th, Nagasaki 1st Dec., and Shanghai 4th, Mails and Gen. -- O. & 3 S. S. Co. Dott, Nor. s.s., 616, J. Dunnenig, and Dec.,-

Bangkok 21st Nov., Gen.-Wallem & Co. Drufar, Nor. s.s. 1, 102, 1. Bing, gth Dec. Bangkok 24th Nov. Gen.-N. Y. K. Empress of China, Br. s.s., 3,046, R. Archibald, R.N.R., 10th Nov.,-Vancouver, B.C., 29th Oct., and Shanghai 17th Nov., Mails and

Gen.-C. P. R. Co. Glenesk, Br. s.s., 2,274, J. Rafferey, 30th Nov., -Salina Cruz 16th Nov., Ballast .- C. M. Hakuto Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,426; K. Kaneda, 6th

Dec.,-Moli 3 th Nov., Gen.-M. B. K. Halstein, Gen's.s., 985, A. Niejohr, 5th Dec., -Haiphong and Hoihow 4th Dec. Gen.-Kumsang, Br. s.s., 2,078, E. J. Buller, 3rd

Dec .- Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 16th Nov , Gen .- J. M. & Co. Laertes, Br. s.s., 1,340, J. B. Jackson, 4th Dec., -Saigon 27th Nov., Rice and Meal.-Wo

Mandasan Mard, Jap. s s., 4,541, P. Hallstrom, 26th Nov., Japan z st Nov., Coal.-M. B. Mercedes, Br. s.s., 3, oo, J. S. McGregor, 21st

Sept ..- Weihaiwei "oth Sept., Ballast .-Nam Sang, Br. s.s., 2,591, P. M. B. Lake, 2nd Dec. - Yokohania 20th, Nov., Gen. -- J., M.

& Co. Onsang, Br. 8.5., 1,787, R. Cox, 5th. Dec.,-Java zist Nov., Sugar.-1., M. & Co. Phuyen, Fr. s.s., 1,299, Bouisson, 4th Dec.,-Saigon 26th Nov., Rice .- B. & Co. Sandown, Br. s.s., 2,466, A. L. Paterson, 4th

Dec .- Moji 2 th Nov., Ballast .- D. & Co., Taiwan, Br. a.s., 1,05%, J. A. Martin, 28th Nov., -Snigon 22nd Nov., Rice. - Chinese. Talsu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,948, H. Terumine, 30th

Nov. - Kobe 20th Nov., and Moji 25th, Coal and Gen - Wallem & Co. Titan, Br s.s., 5,720; B. Day, and Dec., _from Tacoma, Flour. - B. & S. Tremont, Am. s.s., 6,195, T. W. Garlick, 5th

Dec .- Scattle 27th Oct, and Manila 2nd Dec., Gen.-D. & Co., Ld. Triumph, Ger, s.z., 679, J. Hendixen, 26th Nov. Nauru 11th Nov., Ballast .- J. &

Victoria, Swed. s.s., 989, J. A. Hellberg, 4th Dec ,- l'ibalongau and Saniarang, 215 Nov., Sugar and Cotton - Aagaard, Thore-

Woolwich, Br. s.s., 1,845, A. Stoker, 13th Nov., -Moji 8th Nov., Coal.-D. & Co., Ld.

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Canton	Kobe	M. & Co	Dec.
Kashing	Hailo	B. & S	Dec.
Hitachi Maru.	Shanghai.	Y. K	Dec.
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Ningpo	Tientsin	B. & S	Dec.
Istok	Singapore	15W. & Co	13cc.;
Delhi	Singapore.	(P. & O Co	Dec.
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Mongolia	lapan	F. M. Co.,	Dec.
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DOCK RETURNS:

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The Ships Passed Canal.

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12th November-Agamemnon, Glenturie Aragonia, litrofu Maru, Yorcks Binlarig. 15th November-Awa Maru, Sada Maru, Armand Behic, Stam, Kleift, Marusan igth November-Lennox, Moyune, Crewokall, Ganger. 72nd November-Bellerophon, Dencallon, Manila, Sunda, Yarra, Garnarvonshire, Charlton, Longson. 26th November-Australien, Benmohr, Benvarlich, C. Ferd Lacisk, Habsburg, Indrawadi, Antilochus. Astyan ix, Prinis Eitel Friedrich, 29th November-Roon, Hohenstaufen, Liberta, Salarte, Tamba Maru, Belgravia, St. Patrick, Bingo Maru, Priam, Sophie Rickmers, 3rd December-Austria, Claverburn, Ching Wo, Specia.

Arrivals at Home-12th November-Nera-Tranquebar, Brasilja, Benglos, Slavania, Sam. by, C. Forrest, Mrs. Harvey's Ayah, Capt. Mc- bla. 19th November-Goeben, Agument non, Kochnie, Miss D. Page, and Mr. Holden. For Antenor, Bombay Maru. 20th November-Yokohama-Mr. A. Clark, Mrs. Borthwick and Namur. 22nd November-Kleist, Satsuma. chill, Rev. W. Reeve, Misses S. M. and M. Awa Maru. 25th November-Socotra. 26th North, and Mr a Butterfield. For Kobe-Mr. Nevember-Glenturret, Longsor. 29th Nov-D. Sung. For Yokohama from Port Said- ember-Varia. 3rd December-Gharee, Sikh,

A Mail will close for :-

Quong-chow-wan and Chickholi-Per Vorwarts, 8th Dec., 9 A.M. Macao-Per Sui Tat, 9th Dec., 1.15 P.M. Singapore, Penang and Calcutta - Per Namsang, 9th Dec; 2 P.M.

Shanghai-Per Yochow, 9th Dec., 3 P.M. Shanghai and Dalny-Per · Vindalia, oth Dec. 3 P.M.

Swatow, Amoy, Fonchow and Shanghai-Per Shorhu Maru, 9th Dec., 5 F.M. Swalow, Amoy and Tameni-Per Dallin Maru, Ich Dec, BAM. Swatow, Amoy and Foochow-Per Halmun.

roth Dec., 9 A.M. Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, Wash .- Per Tremont, 10th Dec. IO A.M.

Europe, &c., India, via Tuticorin-Per Polynesien, 10th Doc., 11 A.M. Macao-Per Sul Tal, toth Dec; 1,15 P.M.

Swatow and Shanghal-Per Sockow, roth evening at the Wesleyan Mathodist Church, Dec. I P.M. Mapila-Per Taming, 10th Dac. 3 P.M. Shanghal, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, 3.C. and Scattle, Wash .- Per Aki Maru, 10th Deci. 1 P.M. Swalow and Sharghai-Per Nanchang, 10th

Swatow, Amoy, Takao and Anping-Per Fukushu Naru, 10th Dec., 5 P.M. Macao-Per Sut Tat, 11th D.c., 1.15 P.M. Singapore, Samarang and Sourabaya-Per

Insong, 11th Dec., 2 P.M. Saigon-Per Hanyang, 11th Dec., 3 P.M. Singapore-Per Titan, 11th Dec. 11 A.M. Singapore, Fenang and Bombay-Per Levanto, 12th Dec., Il A M. Macan-Per Sul Tal, 12th Dec., 1.15 P.M.

Shanghai, Yokohama, Kobo and Moji-Per Arratoon Apear, 13th Dec., 11 A.M. Macao-Per Sui Tal, 13th Dec., 1.15 P.M. Madila-Per Yuinsang, 13th Dec., 2 P.M. Singapore, Penang and Calcutta-Per Kumrang, 13th Dec., 2 P.M.

Manila-Per Yususang, 13th Dec., 3 P.Mr. Manila, Zamboanga, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairos, Townsville, Bris- Battiscombe, H. G. bane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zenland, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth-Per Tsinan, 13th Dec., 3 P.M.

Shanghai, Nagasaki, Koba, Yokehama, Birbeck, R. J. Honolulu and San Francisco-Per Aria, 14th Dec., 10 A.M. Entope, &c., India, via Tuticorin-Par Blunn, A. B. Maita, 14th Dec., 11 A.M.

Macao-Per Sui Tai, 14th Dec., 1.15 P.M. Swatow and Shanghai-Per Kinklung, 14th Brayfield, T. Cebu and Hollo-Per Kalfong, 14th Dec., Brooke, C. B. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Brown, W. T. H.

of China, 19th Dec., 3 P.M. Shanghai-Per Shuohsing, 21st Dec., 3 P.M. Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobo, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco-Per Mongolia, 24th Dec., 11 A.M.

TO-MORROW.

St. Pater's Scamen's Church. Queen's Road West. Second Sunday in Advent.

Holy Communion 7.30 a.m. Morning Prayer, 11, a.m., Venite, Elvey Te Deum, Woodward; Benedictus, Garrett Hymna, 295, 555, 553 and 551, Kyriei Evening Prayer, 6.30; Magnificat, Robinson; Nunc Dimittis, Elvey; Hymns, 296, 550, 569

The Church launch Dayspring will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m., (Kowloon-Police Pier, 10.30 and 6 p.m.), returning afterwards. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided.

Sunday school to to 10.45 a.m. Roman Catholic Cathedral:-Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 6:36 a.m. Benediction.

5.30 p.m. German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:-Morning Service, 11 a.m. 20 St. Francis! Church, Wanchai: - Mass (Chim.) ham. (Port.), 7.30 a.m. Behediction, 5 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road :- Morning

Service (English), 16 a.m. Anthony & Chapel, West Point :- Mass.

Union Church: -- Sprvices, 11 a.m., and,6 p.m. St. John's Cathedral.

December 8th, Sunday, and in Advent. Holy Communion 7.30 d.m. Mating I dam., Responses: Ferial, Venite: Havest Psalms , Specials (45, 46 and 47). Benedicite: Hopkins, Elvey and Hopkins, Bene- Darling, Col. dictus: Langdon, Hymns: 48, 51, and 363; Bavidson, Mr. Prouchess The Lord Bishop of Victoria. Evensing 5 ASpon 4 (Full Chair) Responses: Ellis, A. Ferial, Psalms: Special (97. Leo and 117), Ellis, Mr. and Mrs. Magnificat: Nanc Dimittie: Stanford in B flat, Fisches, R.

Anthom: "Sun of me Soul."- Turner, Hymn; Fletcher, Mr. 49 and 35 7, Sevenfold Amen, Voluntary: Sonata Fraser, R.A.M.C., Lieut. Raymond, Mrs. in F. Minor.-Mendelssohn, Preacher: The Archdeacon of Hongkong. N.B .- Psalm 97 Verses 1, 4, 19, 12 in unison (1).

UNION CHURCH-KENNEDY ROAD. MINISTER: REV. C. H. HICKCING. Sunday 1.1 a.m. Worship Psalm 138 (Tune St. Magnus 88), Anthom, Hymn; 615, 109, 127. 4 p.m. Sunday etchools as usual. . 6 p.m. Worship Hymns, 353, 186, Psylmon

146 (Tune Evan 174) - Hymns; 508; 324. Thursday 9 pm Literary Club. Locture Will, E. E. Dr. Samuel Johnson by Dr. A. P. Wilder, (Consul-General for U.S.A.) Friday 8 pm. Christian Endeavour Society. Subject :- 'Spiritual Liberty."

Collections on behalf of the Hongkong Midding M. and Mrs. F. Hollingsworth, Mr. C'turch Missionary Association will be abayes the Mrs. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. 8th. The Preacher at Matins will be the Kork W.C. Evan Bishop of Victoria and the Venerable Axchden The Liothier, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Orowther con Banister will preach at Evensong."

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Meteorological signals are hoisted on the mast in front of the Water Police Station a. Tsim Sha Tsui for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that bad weather is expected here :-

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Black Signal indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretolore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shippi R leaving the harbour.

These signals are repeated at the Harbour Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company at Kowloon.

LURGENT SIGNAL

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment, the following Urgent Signal, will be made at the Water Police Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office:-

THREE EXPLOSIVE BOMES, AT INTERVALS OF TEN SECONDS.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

: / Night Signals."

The following Night Signals will be exhibited from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

1. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green, indicates that a typhond is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony. 11. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green

indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony. 111. Three Lights Vertical, Red Green Red,

indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment. No. III. Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the

information conveyed by this signal being first

published by night." These Night Signals will be substituted the the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and passing Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time. that any of the above Day Signals are holefed in the Harbour,

Gap Rock Aberdeen. San Ki Wan Waglan, Stanley. . Sal Kung. Cape Collinson. Sha-Tan-Kol. Tal Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm, Warning is hoisted in the Harbour,

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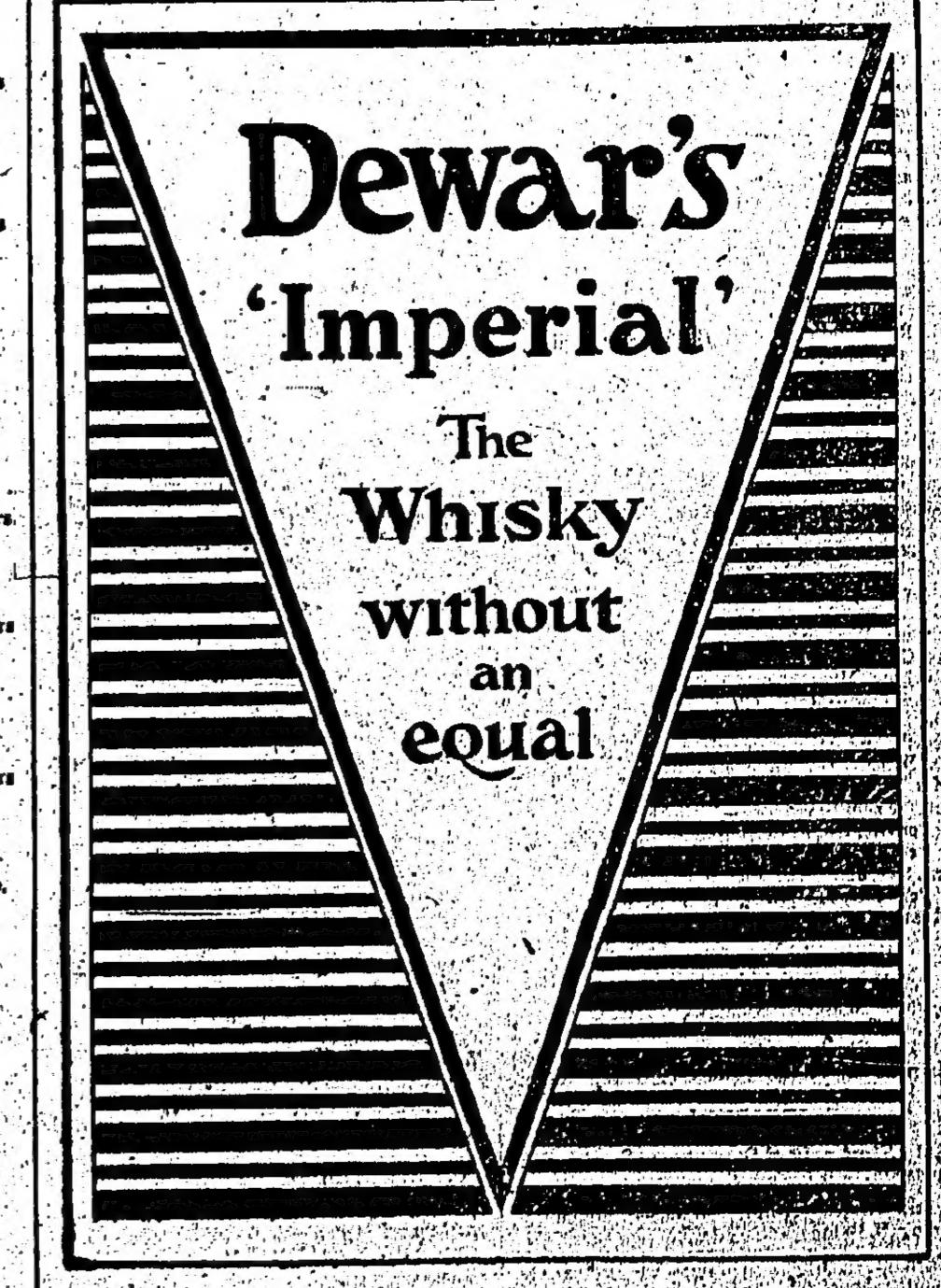
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On November 30, 1907, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. CARNAGHAM, a son. On December, 1, 1907, at Shanghal, the wife

of T. E. DUNN, Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., of a son. On December 1, 1917, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J. NOLASCO, a daughter.

On December 2, 1907, at Shanghai, the wife of H. E. McCann, of a son. On the 5th instant, at "Yalta," 65, Mt. Kellett

Road, Peak, the wife of J. L. VAN HOUTEN, née de Coutouly, of a son. MARRIAGE.

On November 30, 1907, at Shanghai, ARCHI-DALD CARTER NEWCOMB to CATHERINE EWING, both of Shanghai.

On November 25, 1907, at Shanghal, THOMAS JOSE D'AQUINO, aged 65 years.

MAIL SUPPLEMENT. ISSUED GRATIS TO SUBSCRIBERS.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1907.

SINGAPORE HARBOUR WORKS.

(and December,) The people of Singapore are, it appears, at last becoming reconciled to the enormous expenditure to which they have been committed by the Government for the construction of wharves and harbour improvements

that will imply an economy of untold dimensions when we think of the experience and resource in plant and engineering talent at the disposal of the firm absolutely at the head of dock construction that by common consent stands all over the world. Sir John Aird and Co made its fame originally as the eminent contracting firm of Lucas and Aird, and since that style was dropped the great firm has gone on adding to its reputation as the greatest constructional firm in the world It is impossible to relate more than a small proportion of the great engineering works that have been so successfully constructed by Sir John Aird and Co. But we may mention the great Assouan Dam on the Nile; the Metropolitan Railway, commonly known as the Underground; the great Southampton Docks; the new Bristol Docks; the vast reclamation work in Morecambe Bay, known as the Hodbarrow Sea Wall; two new graving docks with subsidiary works for the Smith Dry Dock Company at Middlesborough; the important Tyne Dock; and many other important dock works in various parts of the world. Indeed it may with truth be affirmed that the successful tenderers for the Singapore Dock and Wharf works are the largest dock constructors in the United Kingdom, that is to say, in the world. There may be various opinions as to the utility of works undertaken by Sir John Jackson and Company on the Teluk Ayer Sea frontage. There is no question at all as to the necessity of the execution of the dock and wharf improvements demanded by the needs of trade at Tanjong Pagar. And it may reconcile Singapore to the expenditure when one thinks that however an invalid may fare after engaging the advice of a high class London specialist, there always remains to him the moral satisfaction that he has had the best man to advise even if he has paid a fee of corresponding magnitude. When one thinks of it, it is far better to get the benefit of all the economy and expedition that is implied in the employment of the expert with endless capital at his back than to risk the performance of the second or third rate contractor, who would have to find his experience at the Colony's expense, and live from hand to mouth financially during the execution of the contract. The great thing that has been settled is that both as to the execution of the Teluk Ayer reclamation and minor mole scheme, and the far greater Wharf and Dock scheme inside the Inner Harbour, for many years to come the question has been removed from the field of discussion. All that the Colony will have to do henceforth will be to mark the progress of the work, and to rely on the Tanjong Pagar Dock Board to watch over the working interests of the port as these may be from time to time affected by the steps taken in the long process of construction.

TAXATION IN JAPAN.

(3rd December.)

A joint conference of the Cabinet and the Elder-Statesmen is to be held in a few days, as our readers are aware, and the question to be considered thereat is the proposed increase of taxation, thus states the Japan Chronicle. The financial condition of Japan has been considerably strained as a result of its post-bellum programme, and heavy as the burden of taxation has been felt to be during the progress of the recent war, it would appear that the adjustment of the Budget public possession of the City of London calls for still heavier burden upon the people In every quarter the comments of the press of the Island Kingdom. It is reported, ac- were of the most sympathetic character, cording to our Kobe contemporary, that the | and very soon the fund opened for the pur-Government is not at all inclined to effect | pose began to swell, one anonymous donot any alteration in its programme of projected | guaranteeing no less than £20,000 towards works, and holds the opinion that any such | the fund. The last day of grace was Ccto alteration would impede the progress of the ber 29th, and the position on that day is Empire. That is the outward geason, says the explained in the following reference in the Asahi, but as a matter of fact there is a Daily Telegraph of that date: - Unless some political aspect of the question. Any attempt | public-spirited donor should forward the to effect an alteration or amendment of the sum of £30,000 to Sir Vezey Strong, at the projected works would precipitate the down- Guildhall or the Bank of England, by noon fall of the Cabinet. The "projected" works | to-day, Crosby Hall, the home of many Lord which are now being carried out were approved | Mayors, of the Puke of Gloucester, who lef during the last session of the Diet, originat- | it to reign as Richard III, and the finest ing in the Budget for last year and approved | specimen of mediæval architecture in the by the Diet during the preceding session. City of I ondon, will probably be razed to The Budget in question was framed by the the ground, and its place taken by a modern Katsura Cabinet, and was taken over by the bank. Sir Vezey Strong and his committee present Saionil Cabinet. From the first it have worked strenuously, and since the first was stated that to carry out the proposals of this month have raised no less than would necessarily entail further increase of £25,000, perhaps a little more, towards, the taxation. In framing the Budget for the object of preserving the City's ancient palace. present year in December last, the present. But the lowest sum that will be considered Cabinet was unable to amend the policy by the directors of the Chartered Bank of of its predecessor, and the same expansive India, Australia, and China, in order to inand expensive policy was followed in fram- duce them to stay their hand, is £60,000, generally. In an editorial which appeared | ing the Budget for 1908. Their view, so that this morning's post has a deficiency in the Singapore Free Press recently it is | which entails the increase of taxation, was | of at least £30,000 to make up. Can it be remarked that the adjudication of the ten- submitted to the Cabinet by Baron Sakatani, | done? Will some wealthy philanthropist ders for the great works implied in the Minister for Finance, during October, and come forward at the eleventh hour and extension of the docking accommodation at | he gave a further explanation of the situation | subscribe or guarantee the amount needed ? | Court in the International Settlement has Bingapore and of the reconstruction of the at a Cabinet Council on the 28th idem, The committee would be quite satisfied with there been such pressure of business as at extensive range of the Singapore wharfage when the Budget for next year, was con- the guarantee, as they are confident that, the present time, and never has there been has at last been decided, on the authority sidered. An increase of taxation is said to given time, they can raise the whole of the more adequate accommodation for Bench, and advice of the Consulting Engineers, be necessary after next year and it is there- sum required from the public. As an ovid- Bar, Police or Press-not to mention foreign Messrs. Coode, Son, and Matthews, and Mr. fore expected that during the coming session ence of the intense interest taken in the pre- of hative prosecutors or witnesses. This is the 1,231 to This variety withstands drought, J. R. Nicholson, Chairman of the Tanjong of the Diet the Government will merely servation scheme by some people, the follow- satisfactory report given by the N. C. D. Pagar Dock Board. The successful tender formally announce the necessity of a further ling letter from a lady in Wimpole-street is J. Free; which says that during the past few ers are the well-known and world-famous firm increase of taxation, at the same time worth quoting: "... she has already sub- years many alterations and additions have of Sir John Aird and Co. The amount of the giving an outline of the proposals which scribed £5 and promised £5 towards the been made for the benefit of the Benchtenderis £998,700, which covers the construction it has formulated. It will be too late fund, and will guarantee an additional £40 and for the Bar in civil actions—but Police tion of the New Wet Dock and the reconstruct to introduce a Bill for an increase of taxation to make up &50. This is quite out of pro- apple Press have been at great disadvantage ing Y7,527,428, and exports abroad to 241,664 tion of the Main Wharf. In the Wet Dock | during the session after the general election | portion to her means, but it is deplorable owing to the fact that not only have they there will be 3,800 feet of wharfage, with 30 next year. Mr. Hare, the Home Minister, that a building of such importance should been without scating or writing accommofeet of water at Low Water, Ordinary Spring holds the opinion that the question of an | be sacrificed—so little is left in London. | dation in the Court, but have been unable to Tides. This will ultimately be extended to lincrease of taxation could be thought about | We do not burn pictures why destroy build take up any position from which they could 6,000 feet of wharfage. As regards the Main when the Budget for the year after next lings? We (the Government) are doing all bear correctly what evidence was being Wharf about to be reconstructed, there will is considered, but Baron Sakatani, the we can to save old architecture in India, but the Court by witnesses. During be 4,575 feet of wharfage, with a depth of Pinance Minister, insists that the quest and such folly is no longer possible there. I tal interval between adjournment from Satur-Tides. The Colony may be paying hand he being of opinion that it is necessary his committee visit the bank, and Sir Vezey tid and inst., several welcome improvements. somely for the work to be done, but it can like place, the nation's finance on a will put the position before the directors, have been made. The platform from which solace itself with the reflection that it is em. firm and steady basis at the moment. It is its whother the progress made does the Police conduct their cases and address

lad before the council of Elder-Statesmen. of the decision they have arrived at with that the Police officers in charge of prosecu-The total amount of additional revenue regard to the extension of time, and all tions are now on a level with the Bench and required is estimated at about Y50,000,000 lovers of architecture will hope that Sir so placed that they can hear distinctly what and the Minister for Finance appears to be Vetey's special pleading, and the splendid is being said by witnesses and defendants inclined to raise this amount chiefly by an results he can show, will not be in vain addressing the Bench from the "well" of increase of the Consumption tax, and of The fund at the present moment amounts to the Court. Two rows of desks and seats prices of tobacco and other monopoly goods. about £48,000, but that is not nearly have been placed on the West side of the A proposal is again to be brought forward to enough yet to justify the Chartered Bank Court, alongside the "well," from which Bar, monopolise the sugar business, and to raise Directors relinquishing their newly acquired Police and Press can hear the proceedings, new taxes on vinegar, kerosene oil and also property in Crosby-Hall. On the last day and there is also a bench along the West a tax on those who escape conscription, but of the month Sir Vezey Strong, though hope will for the use of complainants and witnesses. the revenue from these taxes is considered ful; was still conscious that the position was awaiting the hearing of cases in which they to be an unstable quantity, and will pro- critical as the whole situation hung upon the are concerned. The new arrangement is by bably not bring in such a large revenue extension of time prayed for in order that the as Y50,000,000. If this course is adopted, purchase fund should be brought up to the it will consequently be necessary to find amount requisite to allow the Bank to forego who have to attend the International Mixed ways and means to raise more revenue its declared intentions regarding the demoli- Court in any other capacity, but that to make good whatever deficit there may be, tion of the old building and the erection on and the only means available is to further, that site of new Bank premises. He wrote increase the land-tax. This proposal, how- on the 31st :- The Provisional Committeeever, is opposed by the Ministers in the met at the Guildhall fo-day, and it was re-Cabinet representing the Constitutional ported that the information asked for by the Association. The views of the Elder-States- bank at the interview with the committee on men on the proposed increase of taxation Tuesday, the eoth inst, had been furnished are not known, but, concludes a Tokyo dis- to Mr. Addison, the bank's legal advisor, but patch to the Asahi, the issue of more bonds sufficient time had not elapsed to receive is absolutely disapproved of by the Elder- | the directors' views. Meanwhile it is impor-Statesmen, so that the only alternatives to be chosen are the postponment of the projected works, the discontinuation of the sinking fund, or an increase of taxation.

THE PATE OF CROSBY HALL.

(4th December.)

It is a thousand pities to see that the grand old Crosby Hall, built by a famous Lord Mayor four and a half centuries ago, is likey, from what the telegrams tell us, to be sacrificed to the earth-hunger of a meritorious but altogether unsentimental financial institution, the Chartered Bank, who have acquired the site and buildings thereon, and mean, unless some God from the Machine intervenes, to demolish it and raise on the area a London office sufficient for their business requirements. These are the feelings of regret given expression to by the Singapore Free Press, The writer, in our Southern contemporary, proceeds to lament the prospective act of Vandalism in an editorial in the following terms. In justice to the Bank authorities they have been willing to stay their hand while, in response to a very general demonstration of public regret and protest, efforts were being made to buy up the building from the Bank, and put it in trust, so as to save it for centuries to come as one of the few remaining relics in the City directly connecting the England of to-day with "the spacious times of great Elizabeth." Richard III himself lived in Crosby Hall before the death of Edward IV, and, we are told, held his levees there, before his usurpation of the Crown. Shakespeare lived close by, and knew the Palace well, which he mentions three times in his tragedy of "Richard the Third" by its then name of "Crosby-place." Directors of the Bank conceded a period six months to see whether the public would raise a fund to buy them out. And all that time the fate of Crosby Hall has been a matter of acute concern, particularly to many connected with the City, who were anxious to see so valuable a historical structure preserved from the doom that seemed so imminent. His Majesty the King himself caused a letter to be written to say how glad he would be to hear that it was possible to make arrangements that would | conserve Crosby Hall permanently as |

tant to state that, despite the great public interest already evinced, and the support given to the committee, it must not be understood that the preservation scheme, is secure. It is necessary to urge upon the public that every contribution received by the Bank of England and every guarantee given adds to the strength of the position, and that continued support is essential if the hall is to be saved. It is from the decision recorded in the telegram quite hopeless to rely on the conflux of further subscriptions. Nothing will save the grand old Hall from extinction except the sudden intervention of one wealthy benefactor who will instantly provide the needed balance of about thirty thousand pounds. Once the dismantling has well begun the City of London will have to mourn the vanishing of one of its most precious historical possessions. As professor Flinders Petrie, the wellknown Egyptologist and archaeologist, wrote on the last day of grace :- "It will be an maintain a single ancient hall."

TRADE IN SHANGHAL

(6th December.) Hongkong trade circulars for some time past have been gloomy reading in particular those relating to the yarn market which are reproduced fortnightly in our columns. The conditions in the North appear to be not much more hopeful. According to Messrs, Ilbert. & Co,'s report dated Shanghai, 28th ult., we learn"that there has been more doing in certain classes of goods and yarn last week, but a large proportion of the business reported consists of re-sales by Chinese at very poor prices, even compared with the lower level to which most of the producing markets have fallen. As long as quotations in Shanghai are from ten to fifteen per cent. below replacing cost, importers-are patiently waiting in the hope that some improvement in currency prices will be obtainable as the time approaches for Chinese to negotiate for spring requirements. Exchange seems to be still on the downward grade; the principal supports of the silver market have been withdrawn for the time being, and until confidence is restored in the West and brighter prospects are discernible in India, it is difficult to see what can bring about a substantial recovery. Américan cotton has again advanced to 6s, rod. per lb. but, the future of the market is full of uncertainty; the smaller crop estimate may eventually be counter-balanced reduced consumptive demand, if movement towards short time amongst the Southern Mills extends, Internal demand for cotton goods in the States has been checked, in common with trade of every description, by the new policy of "turning on the light;" the Shanghai market is unable to send any relief to manufacturers at present and the best interests of the trade will be served by abstaining from pressing for new business until the Chinese have had time to reduce stocks to much smaller compass. The opinion of dealers is that before long there will be more doing for the Yangtze markets, but there is little or no improvement in the North generally. The reported Government assistance of Newchwang has not brought about any change in the import market, whilst the influence of Tientsin is as depressing as ever. Some new Chinese houses have done a small business for Talienwan, which may develop further as time goes

Never since the institution of the Mixed ploying the highest constructional falout, and is for this reason that the question is to be not justify the directors' reconsideration the Bench has been raised to such an extent

no means perfect, but will no doubt heartily welcomed and appreciated by all

Telegram.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

LAUNCHES IN TH CANTON DELTA.

THE OUESTION OF FOREIGN REGISTER.

IMPORTANT RESOLUTIONS OF OWNERS

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shameen, 5th December,

12.30 a.m. At a meeting, which was hel vesterday, under the auspices of the Steam Launch Owners Guild, which hundreds attended, including most of the owners, it was decided to make certain representations to the Viceroy. It was suggested that H. I from the richest city in the world cannot should "request the Commissioner of Customs to permit Chinese launch. es to be inspected, as they are at present in Hongkong, by certificated

> It was also proposed that the inspectors should be selected by the

If the request be granted all Chinese launches at present under Foreign register will fly the Chinese flag The Police Department sent police to keep from the 1st day of the 12th moon (4th January) next.

THE SUGAR INDUSTRY.

OUR JAPANESE COMPETITORS, The board of directors of the Japan Sugar Refining Company (Dai Nippon Scito Kaisha) have decided to advise a lower rate of dividend for the last period by 3 per cent, than the z. per cent, paid for the preceding period. This decision to pay 17 per cent. only, together with the action of the board of directors on other matters, has created discontent among the Osaka shareholders. Their main grievance, according to the Osaka Jiji, is that the travelling expenses appearing in the accounts as amounting to Y 10,000 are excessive, though the explanation was made that a large amount was required under this head on account of the negotia tions for the incorporation of the Dairi Sugar Refining Company. The shareholders are mainly dissatisfied at the rate of dividend proposed. They argue that Baron Shibusawa and the President of the company, Mr. Sakawa, who recommend a smaller dividend, hold a comparatively small number; of shares, while the larger shareholders proposed that a dividend should be paid at the same rate as before. A protest is also to be made concerning the legality of the general meeting which has been called for the purpose of considering the recommendation of the directors. should the proposal be passed. The general meeting was to be held in Tokyo on Friday last, but the result is not yet published. The Osuka Jiji adds that the result of the working of the company during the last period was satisfactory than before in consequence of the decreased export of sugar, and it is alleged that the board of directors insist that the rate of dividend should be reduced, on the excuse of augmenting the reserve for the redemption of the company's debentures, with a view to concealing the unsatisfactory re ult of the halfyear's working as compared with previous periods. But 17 per cent, does not seem such a very bad dividend, after all. In reference to the condition of the sugar

industry in Formose, the Asaki observes that owing to the serious drought which prevailed at the time of the replanting of sugar cane this year, the area under plantation has materially decreased, it being 2,258 40, showing a docrease of 816 he on the figures for the preceding sentop, and a still heavier reduction when compared with the season before that. the area of plantation of the improved variety ... has continued to increase Fyear after year, and this year has amounted to appear on the market in a week or so, and the total output this season is estimated at a value of Y120,000,000, almost equal to that of the preceding season. Last season's ahipment to Japan amounted to 104,051,747 kin, representkin, valued at Yat, 665. The export to foreign countries decreases year after year, and last season the shipment to Tapan showed a decrosse of about 18,000,000 kin, due to the falling off in the yield.

has been effected, and at the recent general at Pinghalang, Kiangal Owing to lack of meeting of the company the proposal was car- | funds this programme will not be carried out

STBAM LADNOBES IN THE CANTON DELTA

THE QUESTION OF FOREIGN REGISTER.

[From a Correspondent.]

Shameen, 5th December, 1937. Yesterday the Steam Launch Owners Guild held a meeting at their head quarters in Honam and members from other societies were invited: to attend. Hundreds of persons assembled to discuss the West Biver patrol question and the president of the Guild, Mr. Yu. Wan mi, was elected chairman. The first motion read was to the effect that the original cause of the # British a interference was aduque to [2] [1] treatment a received by Chinese a launch owners at the hands of the Customs office's which induced the former to seek registration of the r launches under foreign flags. I hen other documents were read together with a list of the owners' grievances. Then those present were requested to offer their proposals. The proposal submitted by Chang Shungwen and Wu Sam-ching was as follows :--Circulary should to immediately issued cautioning the villagers along the Canton river not to show any signs of unrest and orators ha engaged to preach the advisability of remaining impassive on board all the junks. The resolution passed by the launch owners on this motion was that such orators should becordially entertained by the junks and be given free passage to anywhere they go.

(2) It was resolved that from the 1st day of the 12th moon (4th January, 1908) all Chineseowned launches under foreign flags should be changed into Chinese flags.

. (3) It was resolved to petition H. E. Viceroy Chang asking him to communicate with the Commissioner of Customs, to obtain the dismissal of an officer in the Marine Surveyor's

(4) Permission be requested from H.E. Viceroy Chang to allow them to engage their own examiners, engineers with first class certificates who will survey the bull and engines of their launches similar to that practised by the shipping companies of Hongkong, and then certificates given by them will be sufficient for the Marine Surveyor of the Customs to issue them their permit.

Tea, and refreshments were then served before the close of the meeting. The Chief Officer from the central head and the 3rd Police stations in Honam went with several police to give the meeting protection. The meeting was considered the best disciplined ever witnessed in Canton.

ANOTHER REPORT.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 5th December. Yesterday a meeting was held at the headquarters of the Steam Launch Owners' Guild in Honam, and there were present several hundred persons, launch owners and others, representing the Chinese-owned launches. order at the meeting, besides several police officials were present. The majority present were of the opinion that, on account of the advent of the British flotilla at Canton for cruising purposes along the West River, the different villages along the river must be communicated with the fact, and advised not to be scared by the appearance of the British vessels and not to closte any disturbance against them. A great deal of discussion passed at the meeting and all present considered that it was a necessity, to insist upon the withdrawal from the practice of registering Chinese laupches under foreign flags, in order that foreigners might not interfere with the protection of these launches, plying on the rivers, as nearly all the launches on the West River are owned by Chinese individuals or companies. It was decided to send members to deliver speeches in the different centres on the importance of changing of flags and registration under their own flag, and the question of the patrol service of the waterways of the province to be under the Chinese Government exclusively. As the object of the Guild is only to protect the interests of the Chinese owned launches, other matters than those concerning them will not be discussed: and the Guild will, by no means, create any anti-foreign feeling for interefere with the authorities in their administration of affairs, [Ir. was pointed out at the meeting that the reason for the interference of the British as regards the patrolling duestion was for the sake of protecting their own launches, but the launches are mainly owned by Chinere, who, on account of the troubles, encountered at the different barriers, and in connection with the inspection of machinery, have been r bliged to fly flags of other nations. It has been arcertained that with the exception of the s.s. Salnam and Nanning all the launches plying on inland waters are owned by Chinese, A long statement was read out showing the circumstances in connection with which the Chinese launches do not receive the same treatment as those flying foreign flags i for melance, Chineso launchen have to

inspection being made compulsory by the Customy officials, and to notify the owner of Chinese steam-launches to be registered under the Chinese flag on the first day of the twelfth moon, if the request to the Viceroy be granted. IT is reported that the Ministry of War has The proposal made by the board of directors | decided to reorganise the arsenals in the of the Tainan Sugar Refining Company to in various provinces of the Kmpire and to crease its capital from Y300,000 provoked establish three principal ones in the Northern. much opposition among a section of the share. Central and Southern provinces. The Northern holders. By the efforts of Mr. Murakemi, head | areenal will be actablished at Tientain the of the Talnan District Office, an arrangement | Central at Kailcog, House, and the Southern

be docked for repairs annually wh ther necess-

ary or not, whilst launches flying foreign flags

are only docked o ce in three years; the limit

of steam pressure on Chinese and foreign

launches is different, and launches owned by

Chinese for passenger carrying are required to

pay a monthly fee of \$10 to the Shan Hou. Chu

for licences and are only exempt from this fee

if a launch were to run for a period of ten

days only, whilst the launches under foreign

flags need only apply to the Chu-for Special

Pass and then they are allowed to continue

Many instances were also cited in which Chi-

nese launches were alleged to have been fined

too heavily and punished without justice and

similar nosatisfactory trealment. At the con-

clusion, the majority present decided that a

petition should be drawn up to be presented to H.R. the Viceroy, praying him to request the

Commissionerol Customs to permit the Chinese-

owned launches to be inspected by certificated

Chinese engineers as in Hongkong, instead of

BRITISH CO-OPERATION ESSENTIAL.

DESTROYER PLEET FITTING OUT.

As an outcome of the representations made. by Sir John Jordan, H.B.M. Minister at Paking, to the Walwupu, British co-operation with the Chinese Government, in the policing of the waterways of South China is about to become an accomplished fact. For the past forthight or two the columns of the Hong. kong Telegraph have contained the first and fullest reports of the agitation that was promoted in Canton by the gentry and merchants against any friendly British co-operation Better counsels appear to have prevailed at Poking, and despite strenuous unofficial remonstrances the Grand Council at the capital. have taken heed of Sir John Jordan's friendly topresentations. Since the return of Admiral Moore to Hongkong from the Northern cruise, the Commander-in-chief has been to Canton and has held a conference, as already reported, with Viceroy Chang of the two Kwang. The fitting out of a fleet of torpedoers and destroyers to procoed to the West River may be accepted as an indication of the amicable arrangement that has been arrived at to put down by force the frequent recrudescence of piracy and lawlessness in the riverine distircts of South China. The British vessels that are being got ready to await orders to proceed up river are His Majesty's-

Torpedoers Nos. 35, 36 and 38, Four destroyers, viz., Fame, Janus, Hart, and Taku ; and the

Two sloops Clio and Cadmus. AGITATION IN CANTON.

Our Canton Correspondent writes as follows on the 30th November :-

Yesterday, another meeting was held at the offices of the newly-formed Kwangtung Self-Government League to discuss matters in connection with the West River patrol question. The meeting was attended by a large number of people and Mr. Kong Shiu-chuen was voted to the chair. The majority at the meeting was of the opinion that the officials and the people must join in common action in order to make suitable arrangements in the matter. The following proposals were agreed to at the meeting, to be submitted to the High Authorities for approval :-(1) That, as an Imperial Decree has now been issued to appoint two separate officials in this province, one as Admiral who will control naval affairs, and the other as Commander-in-chief who will take charge of military duties instead of as, at present, one official to dis- | they made good their escape on shore. Only charge the combined duties, the Authorities should be requested to place the Admiral, when appointed, to take charge solely of the cruising the British Government viewed the situation duties and the supervision of the West River traffic and should be stationed on the River instead of being quartered in a yamen on land: (1) That a Brigadier-General should be placed on each of the North and West Rivers for rights would be impaired and that it would should be requested to take on a number of old soldiers and detail them to perform duties as police in the different districts, and at once to enforce the regulations similar to these now in force at Tientsin for the introduction of police forces into the different villages within the districts of the province. (4) That the usual action taken for the detecting of bad characters under the officials should be abolishbe set up glong the different places on the West River for the purpose of speedy communication and co-operative action. (6) That cing vigilance over a wider area. The above mitted to the High Authorities within ten days

As the people of the province of Kwangtung strongly-protest-against_the_proposal of th Waiwupu to place the control of the West River policing with a foreign Power this Ministry has now wired to H.R. Viceroy Chang to consult with him about the advisability of placing Admiral and Commander-in-chief Chun Ping-chik to control all affairs in connection with the patrol of the waterways,

A telegram has been received here from the Kwangtung and Kwangsi students in Japan stating that the students have cabled to the Capital to protest against the proposal of the Walwupu and that they will depute a representative to return to China to submit the protest n persos.

THE BRITISH FLOTILLA:

STRENGTHENED BY ESPECIALLY MOBILIZED PICKET-BOATS.

The last of the formidable British flotilia that has been especially mobilized to do patrol service on the waters of the West River took their departure from the harbour for Canton this morning. In addition to the vessels mentioned in our columns on Monday two steam picket-boats carrying two guns each one fore and aft, have also been mobilized for the service. The flotilia, consists of the Torpedo vessels, Nos. 35, 36 and 38; the destroyers Janus, Hart, Fame, Taku and Virago, two picket boats, the river gunboats Bandpiper and Moorhen, and the sloops Cito and Cadmus. Upon being commissioned for this special service the two sloops were installed with apparatus for wireless telegraphy, so that upon emergency the vessels-will be in direct communication with the senior vessel of the fleet for the time being stationed it Hongkong.

CHINA'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS.

SHANGHAI COMMENTS.

After Chekiang, Canton. There is little difference between the outery against the railway loan in the neighbouring province and the indignation aroused in the southern capital over the measures to be adopted for the sup pr;ssion of piracy on the West River. Both are being carefully engineered, and the rallying cry in each case is " Let us have nothing to do with the foreigners." There is less justification, however, for the commotion at Canton. As the Viceroy plaintively remarked when his attention was called to the glaring insecurity of life and property on his waterways, piracy has always existed on the West River, The victims as he might have added are for the most part-Chinese | but both Government and provincial anthorities have been content to allow the evil to continue unchecked. The force of Chinese gunboats stationed in the waterways was worse than useless, for in the slack season the pirates practised their trade on the guardships themselves. Only when a more outrageous attack than asual has been made on British shipping are the local authorities galvanized into some show of activity. This time, however, their supideness has overreached itself i the British Government is no longer prepared to accept Viceregal assurances and has asked the Contral Government to take action in the matter. li has been erranged that and organized

attempt to control these rivers and to hunt down the pirates shall be carried out by Chinese gunboats under the supervision of the Imperial Maritime Customs. By such means the scheme remains under the control of the Central Government, but the intervention of the Customs secures for it a measure of efficiency That otherwise it must lack. At once a few officials and others are confronted with the prospect of losing both " face " and "squeeze," and resort is had to the time-honoured device of agitation. It is a game to which the Cantonese seem to lend themselves with beculiar gusto. "China for the Chinese," however, had its weak points as a against interference on the part of China's own Customs service, and it has had be pointed out that the latter is "semiforeign." But neither the agitation in Chakiang, nor the later one in Canton, is such that there in need to be punctilious about the interpretation of terms. Any number of mesiings can be induced to pass all manner of resolutions, and accuracy of phraseology is 'not required to enable the local authorities to represent to the Central Government the harrowed condition of the people's feelings.

THE HISTORY OF THE PEGOTIATIONS! however, shows that scrupulous consideration has throughout been paid to Chinese susceptibilities. When the outrage on the Sainam July, 1906, resulting in the murder of Dr. Macdonald, brought the subject of the safe-guards ing of foreign shipping in the Canton Delta to a head, no solution ever presented itself to the British authorities that did not entail the employment of Chinese in the actual suppression of piracy. Past experience indicated that to secure an efficient force of water police European officers would have to be placed in command of it, and at once the British Minister, auxious to respect Chinese sentiment, proposed that the Chinese guoboats and launches to be used in the work should be under supervision of the Imperial Maritime Customs rather than under foreign naval officers. It was pointed out that the Customs had for a long time maintained an efficient service for the prevention of smuggling in Canton waters, and it seemed a simple matter for the Inspector-General with Chinese co-operation, to extend this organization to embrace a practical scheme for

HUNTING DOWN PIRATES. and subsequently for policing the waterways effectively. In view of the fact that these predatory bands are as much at home on land as in their boats on the rivers, such an arrangement would have the additional advantage of of leaving the local Chinese authorities, both civil and military, free to devote their attention to the pursuit and capture of the pirates when after considerable argument could the Peking authorities be brought to realize how seriously and to instruct Viceroy Chow Fu to put himself in communication with the Canton Commissioner of Customs. In reply came the usual objections to the effect that China's sovereign patrolling purposes. (3) That the Authorities | be a bad principle to encourage the territorial authorities to neglect their responsibilities for the maintenance of peace and order. As the negotiations were opened twelve-months ago, "it may be inferred that a considerable amount of insistence has been required to persuade the Chinese authorities to take action on the lines indicated by the British Government for the protection of foreign shipping. Now that Peking has proved too strong for him, the ed so as to have funds for the introduction of new Canton Viceroy has let slip the dogs of an efficient police system throughout the pro- agitation, and the objections raised against the vince. (5) That telegraphic communication scheme in public meeting bear a striking resemblance to the official arguments of a year

As in Chekiang, so in Kwangtung the outery the Viceroy be requested to give instructions, to | nominally directed against foreign interference the villages to form local militia for enfor- in Chinese affairs in reality marks another, phase in the struggle now begun between the suggestions may be modified and will be sub. | Central Government and the Provinces. No arguments can be adduced to prove that CHINA'S SOVEREIGN RIGHTS

can possibly be affected by instructing the Chaloms-officers-cultaked in the bicaepinan-ay smuggling to turn their attention as well to pirates. On the other hand "dealing with the pirates-in more senses than one-has he obtained the passage. The s'reets were hi herto been the concern of the provincial authorities; fleets for their suppression have existed on paper, and the work of looking after the desperadoes, who to a large extent are unassuming husbandmen in their laisure moments, has presumably proved too lucrative to many officials to surrender lightly. None too soon the Peking Government has begun to appreciate the enormous monetary loss suffered by the Empire through the existing method of ordering its finances. At a moment when money is required to carry through a number of reforms urgently demanded on all hands the Central Treasury is found to be sadly straitened in spite of antisfactory years. The first step to remedy this state of affirs must be in the direction of the centralization of control, and at once the vested interests of the provinces and their officials are challenged. It is unfortunate in one respect that in the preliminary skirmishes between the Government and the provinces British-interests should occupy a buffer position; but if the firm attitude recently shown by the British Government in its dealings with Peking be maintained, there is every hope that the Central authorities will derive from it the necessary momentum to carry the shortsighted policy that finds favour in provincial officialdom .- N. C. D. News.

ARREST OF A FOREIGNE AT YOROHAMA.

Frank Pratt, who claims American national ty, was arrested by the Kagacho police on the 23rd ult, charged with fraud. It is stated that that he arrived in Yokobama on the 20th ult by the Polymerien, and put up at the Hotel de Paris for the night. On the following morning he quitted the hotel without paying his bill says the Japan Herald, and proceeded to the jeweller's shop at No. 187, Yamashita-cho, Yokohama, where he obtained a gold ring worth Y135 under false pretences. The man was met by the proprietor of the shop on the regained. He also visited the Takashima drapery store and a few other Japanese shops taking articles valued at about Ygo, and then disappeared. Acting on complaints the police succeeded in tracing the man to the Bluff Hotel, where the arrest was made,

RETURNS of the average amount of Bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended 30th of the respective Banks :--

Average Specie in Amount. Reserve. Chartered Bank of India,

Australia and Chine, \$3,496,798 \$2,600,000 Hongkong and Shanghai. Banking Corpora-

Vational Bank of China

CHINESE IN EXCELSIS.

GREAT DEMONSTRATION TO-DAY TROUSANDS VIEW THE UNUSUAL SPECTACLE.

For the honour, progress and future prosperity of Hongkong our Chinese brothren organsad a demonstration which eclipsed anything that has previously been seen in Hongkong. It was known that the Chinese intended to do the thing upon a grand scale, but nobody ever dreamt that it would assume the proportions i did. It is no exaggeration to say that it least so,000 Cantonese arrived in this Colony in order to participate in a celebration which few Europeans have ever had the opportunity of

wituessibg.

From early dawn crowds of Chinese were moundaring in the streets, most of them on the tip-topofexcitement, all happy, and looking regal in their Sunday robes, every one in good humour with his neighbour. Trampets, cymbals and drums, were heard on all sides, and although one is accustomed, in a soutement such as Hongkong, to strange noises the clanging. and the hybrid attempts at music, according to European ears, entirely postponed the early morning's dream. No pen can picture the scene in Queen's Road to-day, although an attempt may be made by a weak pencil. What there was of Chinese demonstrations, or rather what there was not, must be left to the imagina-

()ne of the most marvellous exhibitions was that of a dragon—as a matter of fact there were three dragons—supported by at least zeo people, and extending a hundred feet in length. Its marvellous scales, which were manipulated by those who were obscured from view, the magnificent manner in which the grand ser- | whether or not Chan Mau Chi and Yim Quon geant waved his oriflamme, the enthutiasm shown by those who were taking part in the firm. procession, all contributed to make this demonstration an Eastern wonder.

It is impossible to record all the wonders which were exhibited on the route of the procession. The dragons, of course, took first place on account of their length, size, and the number of people engaged in their concern. As a matter of fact poor St. George was hopelessly out of it in dealing with dragons, and while one may be pleased now and then to see the dragon emblazoned on the face of a gold coin it mus: be confessed that none of those previously represented have come near the status of the Chinese dragons paraded to-day.

What the boys and girls seated in sedan chairs represented we cannot tell. That they looked serious, important and proud no one wil deny, but probably their main function was to look beautiful, and seeing that they had been painted and powdered beyond recornition they accomplished all these remarkable

things with what we might call eclat. To those who know Hongkong, its lack of thoroughfares, it may be surprising to learn that in the procession there were at least fifty ponies. Little boys, most fascinating urchins dressed as wirls, bestrode the bold animals, which, we understand, were brought over from

The police had anticipated trouble, and all reserves were called out, but so far as we have learnt from the most authoritative quarters. there has been nothing untoward, and judging from the present spirit of the crowd, it is unlikely that anything will mar what has been the most magnificent spectacle that the people of Hongkong have yet seen.

It is no secret that the authorities have been on tenterhooks with regard to the result of this demonstration, but it speaks an enormous amount of credit to those who were responsible for the management of a pageant which has been unparelieled in Hongkong.

near the starting place, at No. 2 Police Station, at an early hour this morning. Within an hour of the appointed time when the procession was supposed to start it was impossible to force a way through and one of our representatives has described ingraphic language the difficulty with which flooded with people. Where they all came from, and best of all, where they all slept, it is not our present province to inquire, but it Hongkong can accommodate all those folk then there must be dwellings here which are not known to the ordinary householder. The streets on the upper level at the tiffin hour was those who fourneyed hillwards by chair had to

were to be seen in a procession which which have already been mentioned, took to say the least, marvellous.

day, for amid the noise and tumult it will be | firm depended to get first class material. Chan the warpath will never forget it.

in which they have organised this exhibition; defendant's shop. and not only so, but they deserve credit for the manner in which it has been carried out. We trust that the prosperity—the hope; and ward to the welfare of Hongkong-will be re-

SECOND DAY.

The second day of the Chinese carnival was proclaimed a public holiday by His Excellency the Governor in deference to the wishes of the | who were entered in their Tong names. All Chinese community and, in consequence, to- | having agreed to join the firm; the next step day was observed as a holiday, throughout the was to get about and arrange with other whole-Colony, the Banks, insurance offices and mer- sale dealers doing business in the same line street on the 22nd ult, when the ring was cantile establishments being closed to the (druggists) to supply them with goods on credit transaction of business. The arrangements for the procession on the second day were precisely on the same lines as those which obtained yesterday. The various sections as. sembled at Wanchai and stating about it firm explained the business which took him s.m. from No. 2 Police Station, proceeded -along Wanchai Road, to Queen's Road East, and then, 'according to the official route. straight on to the Clock Tower along Queen's Road Central on to Ko Shing Theatre. The two monster dragons played the same leading November, 1907, as certified by the managers parts as on the opening day and were the principal objects of European curiosity and Chinese admiration, For the rest every feature of the first day's show was repeated without variation to-day. The crowds which thronged the thoroughfares, through which the procession wanded its way, although large, were not/as dense as yesterday, this being due, no doubt, to the inclement con-the sky was overcast with occasional slight 150,000 deiziling rain which interfered with the progreat of the procession as was the case rester- deales being a partner; Mr. Slade observed, he

In the evening the lantern procession will parade the effects as on Thursday night. The route to be covered will be the same as for the

The feature of the evening procession is the large number of illuminated lanterns in faithful representation of the numerous idebizons of the deep n these waters. The fishes were of every conceivable variety, and included in the lighted enlarged transparencies which were paraded for public admiration were tortoises, shrimps, prawns, lobsters, spake-fish and the like. A large sea-scrpent and lions brilliantly lit up by numerous lamps excited considerable comment. Itincrant vondors of sweetmeats, and the thousand and one toothsome tiginties to the Oriental palate, ablesto pay their way and negotiations as to the because the Veterinary officer, in charge anw their replicas faithfully delineated in last night's perambulating exhibition. While a monster beer bottle representing a well-known brand of beer, for which the firm of Messrs Barretto & Co. are the local agents, with a capital reproduction of the trade-marks colours was a clever artistic production showing the ingenuity of the advertisers.

A PARTNERSHIP QUESTION ...

DISPUTE BETWEEN CHINESE MERCHANTS

Sir Francis Piggott I(Chief Justice). was called upon at the Supreme Court, this fore noon, to settle a dispute brought by the Kwong Fung Wo firm, of 60, Bonham Strand against the Wing Ki Cheong firm, 216, Des Vocux Road West, in the matter of an issue between the plaintiff firm and Chan Mau Chi, otherwise Chan Pui Sin Tong, and Yim Wai Tak Tong, otherwise Yim Ping Kai, otherwise

Yim Quon. The question his Lordship had to decide was had at any time been partners in the defendant

Mr. M. W. Slade, instructed by Mr. Sargeant, of Messrs, Wilkinson and Grist, appeared for the plaintiffs, while Sir Henry Barkeley, K Car instructed by Mr. Otto Kong Sing, represented the defendants.

The statement of claim was as follows:-The Kwong Fung Wo firm are the above named. plaintiffs in the action and carry on business at No. 60, Bonham Strand, as traders. On the 27th November, 1936, the plaintiffs recovered judgment against the Wing Ki Cheong firm, the defendants, in the action for \$7,436. Sco for goods sold and delivered to the defendant firm in the months of January to May inclusive of the year 1006 and for costs taxed and allowed at \$244.50. During the whole of the year Chan Mau Chi was a partner in the said Wing Ki Cheong firm under the name of Chan Pui Sin Tong and Yim Ping Kal was a partner in the said firm under the name of Yim Wai Tak Tong. The Kwong Fung Wo firm claim a declaration that the said Chan Mau Chi and Yim Ping Kui are liable as partners in the Wing Ki Cheong firm to pay the said judgment debt. Leave to issue execution against

. The statement of the defence was that Chan Mau Chi and Yim Quon admit the statements in the first two paragraphs in the claim. These defendants severally deny, the other statements so far as it relates to each of them respectively. Chan Mau Chi denies he was at any time during the year 1906, or at any time a partner in the Wing Ki Cheona firm under the name of Chan Pui Sing Tong, or under any other name; and denies that he has ever at any time held himself out as a partner in such firm. He also denies that he ever traded as "Chan Pol Sin Tong" as Tong name or otherwise. Yim Quon is the owner of the premises on which the Wing Ki-Cheong firm carried on business. These premises were rented by the Wing Ki Cheong As we have stated crowds began to gather | firm from the defendant. The defendant never lived in the premises and was never at any stime interested in the business.

His Lordship-I thought that partnership issues are to be tried before a jury? Sir Henry-Neither side applied for a jury. His-Lordship-1-mantioned it to save mysette Mr. Slade-It was expressly stated that no partnership issue.

His Lordship-Very well.

Mr. Slade then proceeded to outline the particulars of the case briefly. He stated that the defendant firm was started on 21st Soptema ber, 1904, and was closed on 1st August, 1906. The firm, according to the evidence he would literally impassable to vehicular traffic, and all adduce, was promoted by five men-Ho Ya Pong, Pan Sut Chi, Leung See Wing, Pan alight before they could gain their destination. Sik Chi and Chan Mau Chi. All these names Might we submit some of the things which sounded alike and in order that there should be no confusion he had numbered each name, lasted for at least two hours? The dragons, | which would greatly facilitate business. Of these five men No. 6 (Ho Yu Pong) became up at least too feet each, to say nothing the manager. He always remained on the the cymbals, gongs and drums, which, premises and attended to the books and correswere now and then put on the ground and beaten | pondence, and, in fact, was general superviser. with intense ferocity. The flutes and every- Pun But Chi (No. 2) took no active part in the thing else put in Chinese entertainments were, firm's affairs. Leung See Wing was another managing partner and he; too, took an active Nearly every village from the mainland had | part in the management. Pun Sik Chi its own standard, and nearly every banner had (No. 19) was the firm's buyer and salesits complement of missiles. No wonder that man. He was the person who purchased to-morrow has been proc'aimed a public holi- the firm's goods and on whose judgment the impossible for most people to concentrate their | Mau Chi also took an active part although he minds upon a given subject. But those who | was not in the shop every day; but he was had the chance of seeing what our Chinese active manager of the firm immediately next friends really can do when they start out on door the defendant firm, and frequently went over to look after the management. In fact, it Our friends in Bonham Strand and its vici- was stated, he had a door on one of the upper nity deserve the utmost praise for the manner ! floors which led from his own quarters into the These men, Mr. Slade pursued, being the

promotors, in the ordinary course of the initiation of h. Chinese business brought in their the good intentions of those-who-look-for-friends and induced them to take shares objection .- Yours, etc. in the business. One of the men who was introduced was Yim Wai Tak Tong, one of the defendanta. He was the landlord of the building the firm rented. There were no partnership deeds made out, but there was the usual partnership book in which was inscribed the names of the promoters, except Nos. 5 and 6 and to arrange terms of payment, Pun Sik Chi, the firm's salesman and buyer, was deputed to make these arrangements. He called on various dealers and in the name of the new there. Naturally when he was asked who the partners were he gave them the names of the most substantial men interested in his firm, Limited. among them his own name. On these representations: the dealers gave credit, After this had been, satisfactorily arranged the firm was opened, and, as usual, the event was celebrated by a big dinner, to which many, were invited. Two witnesses would tell the Court later that Chan Mau Chi sthe person who denies being a partner in the defendant firm] was present, and he himself in introducing himself to others mentioned then that he was one of the firm's partners. One of the shop assistants, who was not a partner, would also inform the Court that he countant's room, and looking after affairs. With WAS BOT OF SO SOOD. THE FACE BY FAT BATTHE STICENCE

went, he was only in the firm once. This he explained. One day, soon after the business started, one of the partners (the manager announced that he had received a letter from Yim Quon, in which he stated that he was coming to Hongkong on the following day. The manager then suggested that a feast should be prepared for Yim Quon on and the other commodities of foodstuffs bave his arrival." Accordingly this was agreed to, doubled in price as a consequence. Pork, and when Yim Quon arrived in the Colony- lowl, fish, eggs, etc., are snatched away as or at the shop-a special dinner was given him. | soon as they are brought to the market, at Only partners were present at the feast and enormous prices and even then the demand is the business was much discussed. Things ap- greater than the supply. parently went on smoothly until early last year, We are told that the Indian cattle and like many other Chinese firms in the dealers, who appear to hold a monoply in Colony they got into difficulties. They were un- the butchery trade, have refused to kill. best way to raise money were started. All found it necessary to disqualify, some sorts of schemes were in the air, and there was | head of cattle which were going to be strong division among the partners when slaughtered. At the best of seasons the it was suggested raising new capital by quality of beef served up to Bangkok reissuing new shares. There was a dis- sidents from the local shambles, leaves pute, plenty of bad feeling, which finally much to be desired. Bullock dealers are came to nothing. No capital was raised in the habit of sending the prime cattle to and the business was closed. One of Singapore where they fetch high prices while the partners (Pan Sin Pang), who took a pro- they consider any old "stripper" good enough minent part in attempting to raise the money for Bangkok public for consumption. It may to tide over the difficulties, was then blamed | be taken for granted, therefore, that the for the firm's failure. He became very indig- animals disqualified by a our conscientious nint over the matter and issued a circular to Vot. were sad examples from which to carve a the creditors exonerating himself of all blame succulent steak. of wrecking the firm. That document was signed by himself and handed to Young Fong Bangkok to think that a few Indian butchers Kui, the managing partner of the plaintiff firm, should be able to make the whole city fast for showing his connection in the matter, as were also three letters which he had received from the defendant firm, calling upon him to attend

one of their meetings. The case was remanded.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

CANTON LEPERS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR BIR,-I have returned to Canton after furlough in the United States and have re- to be made, as the general public would welsumed charge of the work among the lepers. I am deeply grateful to all the friends who have assisted Rev. Mr. McNeur in carrying on the work in my absence." Mr. McNeur reports that with the contributions received he was able last winter to distribute rice to 650 lepers for three months. Fe also states, "I have also received some splendid bundles of clothing through Rev. C. H. Hickling of Hongkong, and in addition have bought :80 padded garments.13

Conditions in the leper village continue. about the same as in the past. There is much suffering. Food and clothing are much needed. I trust that the response to this apneal will be as hearty and as generous as in past years. No class of sufferers needs help and sympathy more than the lepers. They are outcasts from home and friends, half starved and with hardly enough clothes to cover their nakedness, and are unwelcome beggars wherever they appear. Let us help them if

Contributions may be sent to the Hongkong Telegraph or to the undersigned,-Yours etc., ANDREW BEATTIE. Canton, 28th November, 1907.

A VISITOR'S WALL,

TO THE EDITOR OF THE " HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir.-Will you kindly allow me space in your

popular columns to bring the following facts to the notice of the powers concerned. Yesterday a friend of mine arrived here from

Amoy and while landing had the unlucky experience to be confronted by two or three excise officers who opened all his luggage,

I will not deal with the manner of their search, which is nothing less than a great insult and revolting. While one of them was turning the contents of the box for his find, he was rewarded by coming on a small bottle of antiopium pills, which the unlucky owner was unaware that it was an offence to carry. .The other, in the meantime, went throu

the other boxes but he was disappointed, for jury was wanted on the face of it being a he found nothing to his benefit in them ; his sharp eyes, however, fell on a small wrapper which on tearing off the cover he found that was a ball of soap and this he pocketted. .

Needless to say, my friend was brought to the Police Station and was bailed out. Cannot the Government or the Opium Far

mer draw up some form of regulations to control the band of officers in their manner of search so that the self-respect of every in dividual may be respected.-I am, etc.

Yours, etc., DISGUSTED.

Hongkong, 1st December, 1907. Of course, we have no knowledge whatever the incident referred to, and simply prin the letter for the benefit of those concerned,—Ed., H.K.T.]

CINEMATOGRAPHS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." Sir,-The value of cinematographs, as at educational medium, has long since been secognised in Europe and America. Their vasion of the East has been brought about by strictly speaking, the commercial instinct of the age. Hongkong, like all other important centres in this country, has likewise been exploited, Cinematograph entertainments are now a feature of the all-too-few attractions in the Colony, and while their management has been conducted, generally speaking, on lines that may be described as recreative and instructive,

selection of certain films which may be open to A RESIDENT.

Hongkong, 5th December, [We publish "A Resident's" letter with reserve being unaware that any general exception has been taken to the exhibitions conducted for the entertainment of the community. -Ed., H.K.T.]

PUBLIC COMPANIES.

TO BE STRUCK OFF THE REGISTER.

It is notified in the Gogette that at the ex. Amen to the prayer. piration of three months from the and inst. the names of the following companies will, unless | in our slang. To "take the cake," appears to cause is shown to the contrary, be siruck off the | be a modern expression, but the saying register and the companies will be dissolved;- that "ones's cake is dough " appears on The Paiho Steam Launch Company, the pages of England's immortal. Des-

2. The Canton and Hongkong Tug Lighter 3. The Tak On Insurance, Exchange and the origin of the modern "cake walk" my dicand Ferry Company, Limited, and Loan Company, Limited. 4. The Heng Fung Flour Mill Company,

Limited. Woosung Forts' Launch Company,

last Tuesday. Police records show that during the last twenty-four hours not a single case of lar any has been reported in either the eastern regard to the other man-Yim Quon-who also or western portions of the city. In the Central only two cases are shown, and there of a triding

A BEER PAMINE IN BANGKOK.

WANTED A RELIABLE DEEP TRUST!

During the last three days beel cannot be Lhad for "love or money." in the local markets.

In the meantime it is rather humillating, for several days for beef.

This is as much as saying: "Oh, you don't like my quality beef, don't you? Well, in that case, We'll make you like it by making you fast, and you'll be glad to get it in the end"! Now, it may be asked with some good rea-

son : Why should this important monopoly, of supplying Bangkok city with meat, be left in the hands of a few Indians who can set the public at defiance in this manner? Is there not a lucrative business to be done in the trade by any enterprising syndicate who would take it. up? We know of few more profitable branches lof business in Bangkok than meat selling and if properly taken in hand there are fortunes

come such an institution being sick and tired of the way they are being treated under present circumstances.

We shall feel thankful for any suggestions our readers may be good enough to forward us on this subject .- Siam Free Press;

CONCERNING CAKES.

In a certain street in this city there hangs alsign board which tells us that Chiew Song "makes all kinds of curious wedding and Christmas cakes." Casting a glance on the shop below we do not doubt his statement, in fact we feel that we are in the presence of a genius who has alighted on the most suitable adjective to describe his productions. But we don't feel tempted to give, them a trial. The cake, above all other articles of consumption, seems to have a certain individuality about it, and to have left its mark in many localities. The first record we have of cake-making stretches as far back as the days of Moses, for we read in the Pentateuch that when the Children tof I srael departed from Egypt. "they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt." Ireland bears the proud title of the " Land of Saints," but the stilwart sons of North Britain are content to owe their origin to a land of less exalted repute-the "Land o, Cakes." We have met too few Irish Saints to pass an opinion on them, but we can testify to the virtues of many cakes which hail from that land "Ayont the Tweed." Two kinds are usually associated, with this country; the famous shortbread, which in itself, is worth travelling to Bcotland to taste, and the oatmeal cake, rolled, thin and baked on a griddle, from which it takes its name "griddle cake," also known in the north of England as a "griddle cake." Who of us in our young days could have realised that it; was Shrove Tuesday had we been deprived of our paneake? In two other instances the cake is connected with certain religious anniversaries; Good Friday's hot cross bun still survives, and in. many rural districts in England an old custom called "mothering" is kept up on Mid-Lent Sunday, when young folks in service make a point of visiting their parents and carrying to them presents of cakes.

The names of several towns in England are always associated with certain cakes, which are supposed to attain a height of perfection; only in these particular districts. Congleton, in Cheshire, is famed for its gingerbread, whilst the writer can bear witness to the fact that the pleasures of the palate once triumphed over the enjoyment of the higher senses, thereby causing a picoic party which had set out with the intention of visiting the stately home of the Dukes of Devonshire, to wend its way instead to the village of Bakewell, there to partake of its renowned "tarts." In vain may we search the for old lady of Banbury Cross, but at every turn in the ancient city we are importuned to purchase a Banbury cake. Coming further south, in a town by the silvery Thames we can still buy the tart known as a "Maid of Honour." This cake is said to trace its origin back to the Tudor period, and to derive its name from the fact that the original recipe for making it was given by a Maid-of Honour to Good Oncen Bess, It is quite probable that Bluff Hal's daughter, who had many of the weaknesses of her sex, also added to the list a paniality for a toothsome dainty.

Amongst the peasantry in the South West of Ireland it used to be the custom quite recently some little judgment may be exercised in the for the housewife always to offer a visitor a piece of " hot cake," a species of muffin made of flour and sour milk, eaten hot with butter. The very word "hot cake" recalls to me a tiny farmhouse nestled amongst the purple tinged mountains of Kerry, North, of the violet eyes. would follow up the cake with a draught of fresh. warm milk for the lady, and whiskey next for "his bonour," uttering at our departure an invocation to boly St. Patrick, and a score of other saints, to protect the travellers on their fourney. Those were the good old days, before the narrow guage railway was constructed. and when the mail car (locally known as "the |ingle") swayed backw rds and forwards as lighthearted Paddy drove un over the mountins at a breakneck pace ; we breathed a hearty We are not surprised to meet the word cake

nite the delights of this dainty morsel. the application of the word cake to a person conveys a sense of reproach. What is tionary does not say, The term is altogether of too recent origin to have found a place in its pages. Whatever may be our ideas on this popular danco it is an ill wind which blows nobody good, and the cake walk has benefitted peedy musicians. Not every musical genius can produce an," Elijah," a "Carmen," or even a "Belle of New York," but it is no great strain on the nerves to bit on a (uneful air, which may catch on as the "latest" jo cake walks, and so put affew dollars into pockets which have ample room to hold them

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HONGKONG'S LOSS.

SAD SCENES AT THE FUNERAL.

It is with the titurost pain that we have it chronicie the death, under circumstances which can be considered little less than tragic, of Mrs. Mitchell-Taylor, the wife of Captain Mirchell-Taylor, A.D.C. to His Excellency the Governor, and the companion and relative of Lady Lugard. Two months ago, almost to the very day, we rejoiced on the occasion of iMits Brackenbury's marriage to Captain Mitchell. Taylor, and indulged "infowhat abwaprover to, have been a vain prediction that their partnership in life would be a long and, as i was bound to have been, a happy one. The fates have decided otherwise, for at half-past nine o'clock on Sunday morning Mrs. Mitchell-Taylor passed away, to the intense grief of her husband and all who have had an opportunity of meeting her. After the wedding, which was shorn of none of its interest because of its semi-private character. Captain and Mrs. Mitchell-Taylor spent their honeymoon at the Nine islands for a month, and were just at the stage when happiness seemed assured, when Mrs. Mitchell Taylor was caught in the toils of dangue fever, for which she was treated by Dr. Jordan: Thereafter, she was the subject of septicæmia which proved fatal." On Friday it became apparent that Mrs., Mitchell-Taylor. was in a dangerous condition, but it was hoped that the attentive and assidnous efforts of her medical adviser would result in averting the calamity, which has occurred at Government House, but nothing availed, and the young bride crossed the bar yesterday morning.

We feel it impossible to dwell upon the grief of her husband, or of those with whom she had been brought into daily contest. It must .suffice that we offer them our sincerest condolences, together with those of our readers who must deplore the demise of one who contributed so much during her brief residence Hongkong to the life and animation which has, of late, characterised the occupation of Governmient House.

THR FUNERAL.

The funeral took place this morning. Shortly after 8 a.m. the coffin borne by men of the Royal Engineers was laid on the gun-carriage awaiting it under the porch of Government House. It was made of English oak surmounted by a Calvary cross and silver furnishings On the silver plate was simply inscribed: Hilda Marie Taylor,

Died December 1. A Union Jack draped, the coffin and sur rounding it and over it were placed the numerous beautiful wreaths and floral crosses which had been sent by friends.

The carriage was drawn by men of the accompanying it was as follows:local Garrison, Capt. Ogie and Capt. W. Armstrong, H.K.V., (honorary A.D.C. to the Governor) marching by the side of the coffin. The little group following the correge as it left Government House was formed of Capt. P. H. Mitchell-Taylor, husband of the deceased, Mr. A. J. Brackenbury, her brother, Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard, Commodore Stokes, R.N., Mr. Blanchflower, secretary to the Commodore, Mr. A. H. Rennie, Chevalier Z. Volpicelli Conselheiro A. G. Romano, Mr. Chao Leep "Chee, and Mr. R. H. Craig.

Along the route to the Happy Valley the electric tramcars each stopped in succession, as a mark of respect, when the cortege was sighted and resumed their run after it had: bassed.

At the Monument a large number of military. naval and civil officials, and the leading re-'sidents of the Colony, European and Chinese. had assembled to follow the mournful processlop. Attiving at the foot of Morrison Hill-Ga's Road the mourners alighted from their chairs and the cortege was then formed. The Band of the grd Middlesex Regiment headed the procession, then followed the gun-carriage with the coffin, Captain Ogle and Capt. Arm-Lugard and Lady Lugard, Colonel Darling, R.E., with Commodore Stokes, R.N., Hon. Mr. F., H. May, and Mr. Blanchflower, following behind. Then came the members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, the Consular body, and members of the British, Chinese and foreign communities, among others, being Colonel to Y5,844,069. Dumbarton, Capt. Walker, R.E., Licut. Satterwalte, Colonel Kent, Major Chitty, Major A., Chapman, H.K.V., Major- Macdonald, H.K.V., Sir Francis Piggott, Mr. Justice A. G. Wise, Dr. . M. Atkinson, Dr. F. W. Clark, Brother Sylvaster (Director, St. Joseph's College), Mr. A. H. Rennie, Revs. J. H. France, T. Sherwood Looker, P. P. J. Wodebouse, J. J. Leitie, S. Wa Chun, Lau Chu Pak, directors of the Tung Wa Hospital, members of the committee of the Po Leung Kuk Society and others. .

'To the mournful strains of Chopin's Funeral March played by the Band the cortege slowly, and wool. The value of the principal lines of wonded its way to the Colonial Cemetery, the the still more sorrowful notes of the Dead March | second period was as follows ;--in "Saul" being played by the Band as the gate way was approached. Arriving there the coffin was taken on the shoulders of the R.E. men and carried to the side of the grave torthe left of the gravel path just above the steps on the first terrace. The impressive ceremony, which followed was conducted by the Bishop of Victoria, assisted by the Rev. F. T. Johnson and Rev. G. Searle (Chaplain to the Forces). After the coffin had been lowered into the grave the Band played hymn 'No., 289, "So soon, passeth away, and we are. gone." The ceremony concluded with prayers! A few lady friends of the late Mrs. Mitchell-Talyor were present at the cemetery as a mark of respect and esteem towards the deceased. Among the ladies present were Mrs. F. H. May, Mme. Vojpicelli, Mrs. G. C. C. Master, Mrs. Atkinson, and Mrs. Bone. Wreaths were sent by the following:-

Officers of the 119th Infantry, Officers of the

MONS. G. DE CHAMPEAUX.

DEATH OF MRS. MITCHELL-TAYLOR. PRESENTATION AT THE M. M. CO.'S OFFICE TO DAY.

RETIREMENT OF POPULAR BRIPPING AGENT

After thirty years in the Colony as agent for the Messagories Maritimes Co. owners of the Frenchmail line of steamers, Mons: G. de Champeaux is about to retire for France. During the long years of his residence in Hongkong Mons de Champeaux has made a host of friends in the business circles of the Colony as well as in private life. It will be difficult to mention sibgle 'important' movement in Hongkong wherewith this old and respected resident, has not abeen; eidentified. ... As member and calmost every social Club of standing in Hongkong, Mons, de Champeaux was as well, if not better known, to the British and foreign communities of Hongkong, as he was to hi own fellow-countrymen, Regret will, therefore, be felt at the autouncement of his approach ing departure from the Colony, Mons, de Champeaux's connection with the port dates far back into the 70's when he was then chief clerk to the Hongkong office of the M. M. Co Later his conspicuous ability was precognised by the head office and he was rewarded with promotion as agent to the Company. in February. 1879. Since that time be Has continuously controlled the destinies of the Messageries Maritimes at this most important port, wit only occasional short absences, on leave, to France.

Previous to his departure, and in testimony of the esteem in which their chief was held by the members of the staff of the office, a presentation was made at the Company's office at one o'clock : this afternoon. Mr. A. Le Breton chief clerk, acted as spokesman on behalf of his office colleagues. He requested Mons. de Champeaux's acceptance of a souvenir on theeve of his departure, on retirement, as a token of the esteem and respect in which M. Champeaux had been individually and collectively held by the European and Chinese staff who had worked under him.

In reply, Mr. de Champeaux thanked M Le Breton and his office friends for their testimony of appreciation and accepted the presentation which, he said, he would prize is memory of his office assistants and, in particular, of his old and esteemed friend, Mr. Cornelio Corveth. In saying those last words he ad vanced to Mr. Corveth and laid his hand on h old associate's shoulder. Mr. Corveth had been in the M. M. Co.'s service before his chief was appointed local agent.

The souvenir took the form of a silver flower basin on an ebony stand. The inscription

Mons. G. de Champeaux

The Staff of the Messageries Maritimes Co.

Hongkong, 30th November, 1907. (Sd.), A. Le. Breton, S. C. de Bussiere Cornelio Corveth, F. X. Souza, L. A. Leite, he Chinese Compradore and native Staff.

Mons, Jean Millet succeeds Mons, de Champeaux as agent in Hongkong.

THE FORBIGN TRADE OF OSAKA AND KOBE. LATEST RETURNS.

According to official returns just published the export trade of Osaka for the first ten days of the last month showed, considerable activity, but became depressed during the second ten days, as shown by the fact that the exports for the latter period amounted to strong marching on either side. A company | Yx,741,000, a decrease of Y837,000 on the of soldiers-from the Royal-Garrison-Artiflery figures for the preceding period; while the and Royal Engineers brought up the rear, each; imports amounted to \$1,524,000, representing carrying a wreath for which no room could be an increase of about Y400,000 as compared found on the carriage. 'As chief mourners Capt. | with the first period. The total value of exports Mitchell-Taylor and Mr. Brackenbury walkedin from January to the 20th ultimo was brought company, and following them were Sir Frederick | up to Y53,386,840 and that of imports to Y30,077,190. . Compared with the corresponding period of last year, the exports this year showed a decrease of Y230,000 but the imports had increased by Y8,994,000. The total value of specie exported up to the 20th ultimo amounted to Y8;278 and that of specie imported

Regarding the principal lines of export goods, it is notable that there was an increase in the shipment of cotton yarn, grey and white calico, cigarettes, European umbrellas, and V sake for the second ten days. The increase in the shipments of grey shirtings was particularly noticeable, showing an increase of Y 150,000 on Jones, C. Bone, Messrs, G. C. C. Master, H. W. the figures for the first period, while cotton yarn had increased by Y80,000. There was a Kingsbury, A. Shelton Hooper, B. A. Hale, E. slight falling-off in the trade in copper, matches D. C. Wolfe, J. P. Braga, H. P. Tooker, Hot and sugar. Of the imports, the value of saw Fook, Ho Kom Tong, Choa Leep Chee, Fung | cotton imported showed an increase of Y3C0 000. beans; and pulse of Y50,000 and sugar of Y60,000 on the figures for the first ten days. and wild silk and hemp showed some increase. but there was a slight decrease in cowhides goods' exported and imported during the

Cotton yarn	Y278.c8c .
Gray shirtings	254 285
White shirtings	80.806
Conner	TAN 816
Matches	50,050
Cingrallac	09,025
Paper in length	2,100
Paraman makes 22 m	10,100
European umbrellas Saks Sugar	2,508
SURE	·· 112,693 ,
Sugar	9,715
IMPORTS.	1 + g
Raw cotton	¥422.504
Cowbides '	10.174
Rice	101.840
Wild raw silk	72.240
Beans and pulse	00.410
Hemp	68.628
Hemp Sugar	~ 167 g/s
Wool	10/1242
TALEN AND AREAST PROGRESS OF THE PROGRESS OF T	1,015

. In Kobe during the second period of ten Royal Engineers, Commodore and Mrs. Stokes, days of the month activity was shown Lieut. Col, and Mrs. Scott Moncrieff, Lieut. in both exports and imports, the former Col. and Mrs. Seymour, Capt. and Mrs. amounting to Y3,204,000, an increase of about Bessley, Capt. W. Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. V1,003,000 on the figures for the preceding F. H. May, Mrs. W. W. Chilty, Mr. period, and the imports totalling V5,596,000, Ho Kom Tong and Committee, Tung Wa also in excess by about Y1,000,000 on the Hospital, Committee of the Po Laung value for the preceding period. Of the Kok (Society for the Protection of Wo export goods, rice, flore silk, matting, straw men and Children), Dr. Ho Kal, Mr. braid, porcelain and cigarettes showed an and Mrs. H. Irwin Black, Mr. Ah Leen, increase, and cotton yarn, copper, tea, Mr. H. H. J. Gomperiz, Mr. and Mrs. H. seaweed, awabi, matches and camphor each W. Lobker, Miss Stewart and Mr. G. Wor- a falling off With regard to imports oil Cester, Chev. and Mms, Z. Volpicelli, Sir cake showed an increase of over Y31. 1000 and opr Patron Saint, St. Andrew," He said that tried, it gave the pressure guaranteed by the connections. As will be seen from the state-Pani Chater, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Tomkins, Mr. taw cotton, wool; flour, dry indigo, iron in rod they, brother Scots, belonged to a small coun- makers, namely, sufficient to send streams of ment, the lockey Club and Golf Club conand Mrs. Well Yok, Hongloong Telegraph, Mr. or plates each showed an increase, while sugar, try but they had gone for and done great things water forty feet above the roof of the hotel, tributed largely towards the work. and Mrs. Henry Keswitk, Mr. B. Kingsbury, kerosene, beans, woollen cloth, and grey shirt- for this world, if they went to New York, One jet of water obtained from the sixth Mr. and Mrs. and Miss B. Layton, Mr. and declined somewhat. The decrease in beans when they were approaching the harbour, the floor of the hotel was so strong that it reached year's report. Mis. I. C. Peter, Mr. W. Ross Davice, Mr. was remarkable, amounting to over Y160,000. first thing they saw was that magnificent pearly to the Bund. The demonstration proved and Mis. Hip Tung, Mr. B. Swart, Mr. and The total value of exports from January, was Statue of Liberty enlightening the world very satisfactory to all concerned. Mrs. A. H. Rednie, Mr. Mee Chung, Mr. brought up to Y96,704.311 and that of imports with her torch, But our American friends, The whole of the materials, pumps, roels, and Mrs. E. A. Howett, Mr. P. P. J. Woder to Y200,328,434, the imports being in excess of he added, should memember that it was hose piping atc. were supplied and fixed by also effected. House, Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, Mr. Aimin Y103,6 4,123 over exports. The value of spectrum America was a Born, the Bhanghal Waterworks Co., Ld. who texted the lien (ix.) T Hanp Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Wendt Captain and cie experied amounted to X13,757,640 and the that refused to submit to toppressions laws the antire plant with satisfactory results on a

ST. ANDREW S BALL.

BRILLIANT FUNCTION. WAS EVERYDODY AT THE DANCE

Not a pook or corner of the wide surge of the City Hall Buildings was untenanted last night while the St. Androws Ball was in progress. The ball rooms were crowded, the passages were blocked up at periodical intervals. the reception and refreshment rooms were each of them thronged, while the bar, better known, as "Auchtermuchty" and card room were never for a moment unoccupied. It was no idle pre diction that we made yesterday when we prophesied that the Scotch Ballthis year would prove an unbounded success, for the management being admirable the result could scarcely be otherwise. "The throng, numbering something like rigoo, was so dense in particular rooms at times that to look for a friend was like looking for : a 'needle 'in a hay stack. At midnight acquaintances were just beginning to discover each other's presence, but at two o'clock in the morning eternal friendships were being sworn n the name of the claymore. The blaze of lightsurrounding the national flag

which had been erected outside the City Hall effectively illuminated the entrance to the Buildinge, and judging from the concourse of coolies in charge of chairs and rickshas it seemed as if every passenger conveyance in the city had: assembled to gaze on the unwonted speciacle. From nine o'clock, and before, onwards the arrivals came in sapid succession. His Excellency the Governor and Lady Lugard were among the first to be received by the president of St. Andrew's Society, Mr. Robert Shewan, and when the opening set of lancers was arranged the scene in the two big dancing rooms, St. Andrew's and St. George's Halls, was magnificent. His Excellency was in plain was a thorough success from every point of evening dress, wearing his medals in mini- view. ature. As for the ladigs dresses othat: is a matter on which we will follow the example of the Scotch minister who studdenly came across a verse in the Bible that puzzled him saids That is a subject which we will look boldly. in the face and pass ob."

Very few, perhaps not more than half a dozen of the hundreds present, wore the Highland costume, with the result that those who did had the unaffected adhtiration of the assembly It was astonishing to observe the extraordinary number of uniforms in evidence. second man appeared to he a naval or military officer, but that illusion may be attributed to the distinctive dress which distorted one's

Shortly after eleven o'clock those who did not wish to be among the first lot sample the Haggis or hear the speeches took up their position at the foot of the staircase awaiting the lead of the president of the Ball. At one time the staircase was so crowded by eager couples that it was almost impossible to get either up or down. About midnight Piper McEwan struck up a shrill melody and Mr. Shewan with Lady Lugard on his arm, followed by Sir Frederick, Lugard and Mrs. Shewan and several of the leading officials in the Colony and their ladies, left the ballroom and headed by the piper proceeded to the theatre where supper was served.

The menu has already been published and it only remains to say that the caterers, the King Edward Hotel, fulfilled their duties admirably. The service was prompt, and intelligent, the wine was of a good vintage and plentiful, and the way was paved for the appearance of the "chestain o' the puddin' race Again the pipes skirled, and in processional order the piper followed by the Haggis and a jorum of whisky in a silver tassie, carried by two members, marched round the supper room, climbed up the steps to the platform and gave an extra special screech when the lordly Haggis was deposited before the chairman. Then the quaich was produced. The president took and dipped into the whisky bowl, supped contents at a gulp, and kissed the bottom of the quaich. All the gentlemen on the plaugim did likewise, amid the plaudits of those in the auditorium. Some of the platform people performed the duty with a swagger, some with a rapidity which was almost bewildering. And, of course, among the audience people were saying, "What's the Haggis made of?" and "What's a quaich?", the good old-fashioned

THE TELEGRAMS.

Coming before the footlights, Mr. Shewan read out the telegrams which had been received by him in answer to the telegram which was sent by the St. Andrew's Society yesterday. The replies were in the following terms:—

PENANG. From Penang:- Greatings to brither Scots. "GILMOUR."

From Saigon :- " Brither Scots send greet-

"Chief YOUNG." SHANGHAL !

From Shanghai :- " Chief Inglis and brither Scots send hearty greetings " FOOCHOW.

From Foochow: -- Foochow brithers heartily reciprocate Showan, President St. Andrew's ".RENNIE."

From Manila: - "As weel as can be expectly. Thank yo for speirin. We houp ye'el has a braw nicht the nicht." "Stephen."

"President." TIENTSIN. From Tientsid :- Tientsin Scots greet br

iller Scots." YOKOHAMA.

From Yokohama; Brither Scots sand greetings. ROBERSTON, "Secretary."

SWATOW. ·From Swatow:- "Brawly, thank ye for speirin Greetings from Swatow british Scots: "RICHARDSON, CURRIE, DUNCAN,

FORBIB, SHAW, and STALKER. " KING OF SCOTLAND." The President, still standing and half facing the company and those on the platform, said:-Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen-I beg

(lond cheets). The toast was pledged with enthusiasm. ST. ANDREW.

to propose a total—"The King of Scotland

and pains, and who through men like Robert previous occasion.

the Brtice and William Wallace prevented their wors from being Mina servile chains." Proceeding no reference some of the great men of Scotland, Mr. Shewan weminded his andience that !!! it was Scotland wirlch had given the greatest lyric post and the greatest song writer in the world.—Robert Burns (hear, hear) Robert Burns taught us to look forward to that days when man to man the warld ower shall brithers be, an a that." The Scotch had given to the world the Wisard of the North, the great Sir. Walter cott. / Scotland had given great statesmen warriors and churchment one whose name would never fade—John Knoz Within mo dern times the two greatest names in the scientific world to day wire those of their great countrymen-Sir William, Ramsay and Lord Kelvin. Scotsmen had reason to be proud got their country, and they were proud of it-(loud cheers). And they all looked forward longingly to the time when they would return to "our own our native land," again, and to hear, the tombling burns and singing streams and to see the bonnie country and the still bonnier lassies (enthusiastic cheers). They all looked forward to that time, but there were others who would see "Lochaber go more." Mt. Shewan then recited a verse of "The Emigrant's Farewell and concluded with a short peroration which was addressed to those on the platform and was, therefore, inaudible to the general body f those present.:

The toast was pledged in silence. After the usual ceremonies, the gathering rose and proceeded in processional order to the ball-room once more. 🐃

Mr. Shawan's speech was eloquent and even dramatic and it is impossible to convey its find effect. Here and there he was scarcely heard. but the sense could be understood.

The Ball went on till the "wee ama 'cors if not till later. The St. Andrew's Ball of 1907

H.I.J.M.S. "YODO." SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH AT KAWASAKI

November 19th, 1907, will fank as a red letter day in the annals of the Kawasaki Dockyard Company, for that flourishing company, had the distinction of sending out the first vessel of over 1,000 tons yet constructed in a private yard in Japan to the order of the Imperial Navy, the dispatch-boat named the Yodo having been built there and successfull launched yesterday afternoon. Despite the drizzling rain and the fact that it was the coldest day experienced this autumn, some 3,000 invited guests were present, including many ladies. At 3.30, a display of daylight fireworks 'announced that everything was in readiness for the historic-event, and twenty minutes later Admiral Count Yamamoto, ex-Minister for the Navy. Admiral Baron Saito Minister for the Navy, Admiral Baron Kataoka, Director of the Ordnance Bureau Pay-Master-General Murakami, Director of General Supply and Account Bureau in the Naval Department Admiral Baron Daws, Director of Bureau of Education in the Navy Department and Mr. Matsukata, President of the Kawataki-Dockyard Company, and others, ascended the platform, and the Minister for the Navy named the new vessel, Mr. Matsukata cutting the cord. and punctually at 4 o'clock the vessel glided gracefully, into the water amidst the bearty cheers of those assembled.

After the launch, the guests were hospitable entertained in one of the shops of the varwhich was transformed by means of flags, and bunting into a handsome reception room. A the call of Mr. Matsukata three "Banzai" were heartily given for his Majesty the Emperor, and then cheers were given for the Imperial Navy. . In the course of a brief address the Minister for the Navy congratulated Mr. Matsukata and all: concerned on the growth of the Dockyard. and referred to the valuable services it had rendered to the State. He called for "Banzai" for the Kawasaki Dockyard, and the cheers were heartily given.

The Yodo is a steel vessel of 1,250 tons displacement, 280 feet in length, 32 feet in breadth and 17 feet deep, with a drait of 6 feet. and a speed of 20 knots. She will be mounted with eight guns of 18-inch calibre and under. She is a sistership of the Toxe, recently launched at Sasebo, and the Mogami, which is to be launched early next year at the Mitsu Bishi Yard at Nagasaki.

Admiral Count: Yamamoto, Admiral Saito, Minister for the Navy, and other officers from Tokyo were to leave Kobe last night to attend the launching of the first-class cruiser Shuki which is to take place to-day.—Japan Chronicle.

SHANGHAL FIRE BRIGADE. NEW FIRE APPLIANCES.

The N. C. D. News of 26th Nov. says :-The Committee of the Fire Iusurance Association and some members of the Fire Brigade attended at the Palace Hotel yesterday afternoon to inspect the fire extinguishing appliances placed in this large building.

The fire service consists of two-stacks of pipes each fitted-with six hydrants, one stack feet deep; the other, which is for measuring being fixed in the central position of the building the flow during moderate rainfalls, is a recandone in the west wing, a third stack is now be- tangular gauge 40 feet 'long by 4 feet deep. ing fixed in the cast wing. These hydrants are The latter is capable of recording up to 234 led from the Shanghai. Waterworks Co.'s main direct; but, should the pressuré prove inadequate. 'for recording' floods in excess of this, but the a powerful electrically driven pump has been fixed in a separate outbuilding; this pump also delivers through the pipes and hydrants menfacturers. Messre, Merryweather and Sons. and is of the type most frequently used for the protection of large and valuable buildings in England and abroad. This pump will but, as a spring was discovered in the course of deliver four streams to a height of forty feet excavating the site for the new Gunpowder above the roof and has been found in every Depôt, some tanks and a pipe and pump were way thoroughly satisfactory. On each floor is installed to render available the water from this fixed a swinging-reel equipped with seventy- source. ! The number of people resident on the five foot of the best quality rubber-lined canvas l'island has of course been considerably inhose. One end of the hose is equoled up to I creased by the establishment of the Gunpowder the hollow reel spindle which in its turn is Depot and Signalling Station there...... reel, seles the possie and run towards the section in the first instance. "" source of alarm. The whole apparatus has | Item (vi.) The water required for watering been tested and found satisfactory and a stream | the 'Racecourse and golf greens' in Happy of water can easily be put on a fire in thirty | Valley had hitherto been obtained by damming.

The President, to the auditorium and speak. I tried and three jets were obtained from the fifth

TYTAM WATER WORKS. PROGRESS REPORT.

Under the caption "Tytam Tuk Scheme-First Section," the Director of Public Works has the following reference to the waterworks in his report for 1000 :-- (All Market)

Good progress was made with this work from January to May, but from June to October it was again much retarded by the prevalence of sickness among the men employed to The typhoons of the 18th and 20th of September did practically no damage to permanent works but almost completely destroyed, all the contractor's matcheds and scaffoldings thus causing serious interference with the work at a time when it was about freed from the impediment caused by sickness (4)

(L) DAM. The dam was constructed to an average height of 10t.5 feet above Ordnance Datum or 4 feet 6 inches below the level of the overflow crest. The following are the quantities of material used in its construction during the Coment concrete..... 8,500 cubic yards.

Rubble masonry facework ... 295 Ashlar masonry (1. 1) 18 11.20,000 "At the close of the year, water was impound: ed in the reservoir to the extent of 120 million gallour, standing at 15 feet below the overflow

(II.) Pumping Station. 👊 The engine-house, boiler-house, five and chimney were all practically completed with the exception of internal finishings. The bollers. were set in position early in the year and the erection of the first engine was begun in July, and of the second in October. By the close of the year the heavy cast from bed-plates together with with that port, agent this question a many of the smaller parts of both engines were

(III.) NEW ROAD. The new road (with the exception of the bridge over the stream below the dam' and the adjoining cutting) was completed to formation level and was ready for surfacing and chaneelling, the pipes for the vising main having been laid and covered up. The bridge already mentioned was completed to springing level and the centering erected.. "

(AV.) ACCESS ROADS TO PUMPING STATION AND GAUGE DASIN. The road to the Pumping Station was conv pleted except some trimming off and surfacing and channelling and the 12-foot track to the Tytam tunnel inlet was in a forward state, with

the trench had been excavated. (V.) RISING MAIN, 18" DIAMETER, Good progress was made with this work, the length of main laid during the year amounting to about 7,650 lineal feet. The requisite valves, washouts, &c. were fixed.

the pipes strung out ready for laying as soon as

(VI.) SUCTION : MAIN, 18" DIAMETER . The laying of this main was completed. 3,619 feet being laid during the year. RECONSTRUCTION OF NO. 2 TANK.

This work was not proceeded with owing to recent developments in the Level District of the City and to the Peak District, it is likely to be abandoned in favour of another scheme.

...WATER BUPPLY, TAI PO. "A contract was let for this work in June, but very poor progress was made with the carrying of it out.

MISCELLANEOUS WATERWORKS. The following are the principal items of expenditure under this heading, representing in some cases only a part of the cost of the works in consequence of their execution extending over more than one year :--

(i.) Lai Chi Kok Waterworks-Water-Boat Supply ... \$ 11,001 Tytam Valley-Gauges and re- cording apparatus for measuring flow of stream

New 7" main in Elgin Street and 5" main in Staunton Street to replace 3" mains Green Island—Supply to quar-

Conduit Road Extension—Main in front of Oneen's Gardens Happy Valley-Supply for watering Racecourse and golf .

Less contribution by Tockey Club, ... 1,000 Golf Club 726

Hill District Fire Service..... vitte) Mount Parker Catchwater-Repairs,

(ix.) Main to Sywan Battery, (tem (i.) The various extensions described in last year's report were completed and the works are now amply adequate for present requirements.

Atem (ii.) This work consisted of constructing two weirs in the bed of the main stream in the low-level partion of the Tylam Valley, fitted with gauges and recording apparatus, for the purpose of ascertaining the quantity of water flowing in the stream under normal conditions and during moderate rainfalls. One gauge. which is for measuring the flow during the dry season and small rainfalls, is a V-notch. million gallons per hour. There is no provision

apparatus indicates their duration. item: (iii.) in consequence, of complaints received of an inadequate supply of water in tioned above, a back pressure value automati- Bridges and Staunton Streets during the period cally closing and preventing the water from of intermittent supply, the old mains in Elginbeing pumped into the main. Too pump fixed and Staur ton Streets were taken, up and reis a "Hatfield," built by the well-known manu- placed with larger ones, thus enabling a proper supply to be obtained.

Item (iv.) The water supply on Green Island had hitherto been obtained from a well.

connected to the main elect. The other end of \$ [-, stom (4.). We it was necessary, to te-sustace. the hose having the usual norzh attached. In with concrete the portion of Conduit Road Excase of an alarm of fire all that has to be done I tension past Queou's Gardens, it was consider-

up some of the ditches, thus causing pools of The pressure from the Municipal main was stagment water which afforded suitable breeding-places for mosquitorn. To obviate this: a ing slowly, although many of his remarks were floor of the building, each fet extending ten to supply has been afforded by laying pipes man, seconded by Mr. F. Ayscough. inaudible at the nearest tables, said the next fifteen feet above this floor. The pump was connecting with the main from Blue Pool and toast was that of "The Immortal Mamory of carefully inspected by the party, and, on being Jurnished with the necessary, taps and hosefrem (vil.) This work was described in last

> Item (viil.) The invert of the catchwater had been scoured but in places and it was necessary incountant; be re-elected auditor, of the Comto make this good, a Sundry other repairs were pany for the current year. Proposed by Me Item (ix.) The sum shown was for the com- I. In closing the mosting the chairman ag-

WUCHOW NOTES TRADE STAUNATION

Wachaw, 20th November, 1907. Business here at present is absolutely stagpant and a wave of depression exists in business circles. For the past month the West River steamers have bad hardly any export cargoes, and the imports show a big decrease too. The causes that have brought about this stagnation are in a large measure due to the great fire of last September, the losses to merchants having been largely under-estimated. The money market-is very tight and but feeble attempts have been made, so far, to build up the destroyed business portion of the city of A number of the smaller, native banks are in a had way financially and unless trade revives, the pear approach of the Chinese New Year will show some bad deficiences and heavy llosses in The farmers are however jubilint as the autumn crops of cereals have been successfully har-

H.M.S. Moordon paid a flying visit to Wuchow and stayed a day bere. "Admiral Moore was to have come up in her, but he was detained-in Canton and Capt. Thursley and staff came up instead. H.M.S. Robini is dun here in a few days. (行行) () () () () ()

WEST RIVER PATROL. The local gentry had a mass masting here on hursday, with regard to the attitude. Wu-. Show would assume over the West River Patrol question. At the conclusion of the modific it was resulved to support in blockthe resulttions passed at a similar meeting held last week in Canton and also that Canton be notified that Wuchow was in accord and sympathy

THE LAUNCH OF THE " IBUKI! REMARKABLE SHIPBUILDING.

The first-class armoured cruiser Ibull, now. being built at Kure, was successfully launched yesterday morning, reports the Japan Chroniols of 22nd ult. His Imperial Highness Prince Higashi-Fushimi, on behalf of his Majesty the Emperor, presided at the ceremony, At 9.25 Admiral Baron Saito, Minister for the Navy, -stepped forward to the presence of his Imperial Highness, and having read the naming address handed it over to Admiral Baron Yamanouchi Commander of the Kure Port Admiralty, who then took up a hammer and severed the cord. The huge vessel then glided down into the water, amidst the deafening sound of the syrens of all the warships present and cries of

Banzai." The louis is a first-class armoured cruiser of 14 600 tons. Herkeel was laid on May 22nd last. and she was launched six months after, which demonstrates the advance in shipbuilding in Japan. It is stated that all the steel used for the hull was made in Japan and that this is the first cruiser to be built in Japan with homemade material. This launch is in its way a record in the naval history of Japan.

THE INTERNATIONAL COTTON MANUFACTURING CO., LD.

ANNUAL MRETING

The twelfth annual meeting of the International Cotton Manufacturing Co. Ld., was held at the office of the Company, at Shanghai, on 24th ult. There were present: Messrs. J. F. Seamon (in the chair), F. Ayscough, A. Hide, Chew Shing-ching (directors), Mr. G. Wuilleumier (secretary), Messrs. H. J. Dark, J. N. Jameson, K., W. Campbell, J. M. Young, Seng Ming-yue and Chang Yuen-chieng. The Chairman said-Gentl-men : Owing to

the regrettable detention through illness at Tientsin of the chairman, Mr. Rayner, it falls to my lot to address you to-day in his place. As the report and accounts have been in your possession for a fortnight, I trust that with your permission they may as usual be taken-de-read,....They-do-pot-leave-much_in_ht said in elucidation. We much regret that the result' of the year's working compares : so unfavourably with that of the previous two years, "In view, however, of the generally depressed condition of the cotton industry during the year, we do not consider that the result, which shows a net profit of Tis, 55.. 581,72 and yields nearly nine per cent on the capital stock is, under the circumstances; discouraging. As stated in our report, the directors have felt it inexpedient to recommend division: of any portion of the earnings in a dividend, bearing in mind the continued duliness of trade in yarn and the desirability of conserving the resources of the Company for its current requirements. As will be observed by the accounts, our overdraft with our bankers stands at the meximum permitted under our arrangement, and whilst our stocks of yarn, cotton and stores, more. than cover the overdraft, and in fact show a substantial book surplus, a considerable sum, of free working capital is required which entails a heavy interest charge, it is contraim to reduce this by all available measures, and although the stock of yarn brought forward on: September 30 has since been cleared, the funds thus released are required for further purchases of cotton or absorbed in its products. As indicated at our last meeting, the outstanding debentures were called in and paid off on March 31. During the year several changes in the Board have occurred owing to the departure of members for home. Amongst them it is fitting to bear tribute to the signal services of Mr. Poate, on his final retirement from China, who bore the outerous posts of chairman, and by whose technical knowledge the Company materially benefitted. With the exception of some weeks in early summer the mill has been working full time throughout the year and with satisfactory results as to the quantity and quality of the output; The mill has been maintained in full efficiency by renewal and repairs; the sum of Tish 17,000 odd has been spent during the year in unkeep. ! The buildings have received their share of attention and are in excellent repair. Mr. Wood the manager, returned from leave in November. 'x 906, and has since been in charge of the works. The directors are pleased to testily to their. satisfaction with the manner in which the staff have carried out their duties. If any present desire to ask information on points not touched is to turn on the valve immediately below the | ed advisable to lay; the water main in this on, I shall be happy to give such to the extent of my power.

There were no questions. The following resolutions were then put, and carried up. That the report and accounts for the year

ended September 30, 1907 as presented, be accented and passed .-- Proposed by the chair-That the election of Mr. Charles Rayner and Mr. A. Hide to the Board of Directors be confirmed. Proposed by the chairman / seconded

by Mr. F. Ayscough, profiled and an angeling That Mr. Fin Ayscough be re-elected director .- Proposed by Mr. J. N. Jameson seconded by Mr. Chew Shing-ching. Williams That Mr. Asthur R. Leaker Chartered K, W, Campbell, seconded by Mr. J. M. Young pletion of the work described in last year's pressed the bope that next year they would have a more tavourable report.

THE BRITISH POST OFFICE IN TUNTSIN.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

CLOSURE AVERTED.

We have been courteously supplied by the Secretary to the B.M.C. with the following pricis of the telegrams, correspondence, counci meetings, &c., relating to the proposed closure of the British Postal Agency in Tientsin; with

a request that it should be published. 1 .- Note from Major Nathan, R.E., of the C. E.& M. Co., and the initial telegrams on the

, Tientsin, Sept. 9, 1907. Dear Sir .- With reference to our conversation, I enclose you a copy of a telegram received by the British Post Master instructing him to close the Post Office this month, and copy of a telegram I have sent to the Governor of Hongkong, for your information and any action you may care to take in the matter. Yours

W. S. NATHAN, ' Agent & Gen. Manager.

W. E. Southcott, Esq.," Chairman, Chamber of Commerce, Tientsin.

Enclosures (a) and (b). (a). Stedman, Haishan, Tientsin. Close Post Office September 30th, letter for lows, notify public.

Postmaster General.

Sept. 9, 07. (b). Governor, Hongkong. Postmaster here has received instructions om Postmuster, Hongkong, to close Tientsin Post Office this month. This will 'cause considerable dissatisfaction and inconvenience to British mercantile community, and I trust is will be possible to delay closing to enable further representations to be made. Understand Chamber of Commerce will consider ematter immediately. If office closed this month heavy surcharges will have to be paid on letters with British stamps owing to in

sufficiency of notice,

Sept. 9, 07. 3.-The above correspondence was submitted to the local General Chamber of Commerce and also to the local Branch of the China Association, and the following telegram was forwarded to the Governor of Hongkong on Beptember 11, 1907, by the former body:-

Governor, Hongkong. -Tientein General Chamber of Commerce has been handed conv of Hongkong Postmaster General's wire to Br. tish Postmaster here dated Ninth instant giving instructions to close British Post Office on Thirtieth instant. This Chamber thoroughly endorses Major Nathan's cable to you of the Ninth instant, and at same time cannot too strongly recommend continuance of British Post Office, otherwise British Community which is the second largest in China will be greatly inconvenienced. British vested interests Tientsin larger than Chefoo, Ningpo, Hackow which have British Post Offices. All other foreign Great Powers have Post Offices here. SOUTHCOTT,

Sept. 11. 07. 3.—The Governor of Hongkong replied on the following day, September, 12, 1907, as fol-

Chamber Commerce, Tientsin,-Your telegram (received?). Estimated deficit working Post Office twelve months from October \$7,500. Your Chamber willing reimburse half yearly instalment this Government will consent keep office open twelve months, otherwise regret close twentieth October.

GOVERNOR. Concomitantly with the above the local Branch of the China Association, in reply to representations made by wire to the Hongkong branch; received a telegram ,which, by its exilicit terms, confirmed the conclusion that the fied one half of the total deficit of \$7,500. namely \$3,750, the Government would be ation in the entlement. willing to carry on for one year more. This conclusion was the basis of the next action n Tientsin, but as will be seen subsequently by the letter from the Colonial Secretary on Sept. 21, 1907, received here on October 2nd.

he conclusion was wrong. 4.-On September 14, 1907, both of the British Councils met for the special purpose of discussing the situation and the above telegrams which had been submitted to them by the Chamber of Commerce.

The Councils' décision, as already published in the press reports of their proceedings, was as follows:-To institute a searching inquiry. if such were possible, as to the cost of the local. Post Office administration; to do nothing in the matter of contributing to the guarantee until they were assured that all other measures for saving the Office had failed.

It should also be noted that at this Council meeting it was stated that the China Association had wired the matter home to the paren Association in London, urging it to take the question up: it was also suggested that as Liverpool and Manchester did a large business with Tientsin, and therefore benefited greatly by the penny-post, their Chamber of Commerce should be asked to move in the matter.

This last feature of the situation was all the more important as the Councils had grounds for believing that the incoming mails were from four to five times heavier than the outgoing, and therefore that the Home people concerned with Tientsin derived four or five times the advantage of the cheap postage. It thus seemed but fair that St. Martins le Grand should be asked to bear the greater portion of the deficit which it, was believed was wholly due to high cost of the sea-transit of the mails from Hongkong to

The Councils also on this occasion asked the local Chamber of Commerce to ascertain the latest date on which a definite reply must be sent to Hongkong.

5 .- The Chamber at once instituted the inquiry by telegram, and received a reply from Hongkong on September 17 as follows :-Governor, Hongkong.

Tientsin General Chamber of Commerce thank you for telegram. Endeavouring to provide ways and means.. Please reply latest date decision must reach you.

SOUTHCOTT,

Southcott, Tientsin. Decision soon as possible, latest first October,

GOVERNOR.

Sept. 17, 07. A meeting of the Councils was at once cal ed, as it was evident that no time could be lost

if the Post Office was to be saved within the short time now available. 6 .- The Councils met on September 18 and after carefully considering the whole situat on decided to act as follows :- The Senior Council would at once call a meeting of the landrenters, giving the seven days' notice prescribed by the Land Regulations, "to discuss the proposed

unid office. The results of the first of the The Innior Council was in perfect agreement with the Senior but found there war not time

closure of the British Post Office, and if neces-

eary to find ways and means for continuing the

public a meeting, of the kintepayers. They all in respect of the Tientsin Post Offices, the urgency and importance of the situation were made known to them.

7.-We may here duly interpolate the telegram which the local Chamber of Commerce sent to the Manchester Chamber on Septem-

Chamber Commerce, Manchester. Protest against closing British Post Cffice here Twentieth October. Reason given loss to Hongkong revenue estimated seven hundred and fifty pounds sterling yearly-cost transit between Hongkong and here. Hongkong Government offers continue provided Trentin contribute half deficit. Endeavour persuade Home postal authorities contribute lustead towards this expense. Can you assist us in order to 'maintain penny-postage? Suggest ask London Chamber co-operate. Must have reply before Twenty-Fifth September. Tientsin Chamber Commerce.

W. E. SOUTHCOTT Tientsin.

Sept. 19, 1907. R.—The two Councils met ou September 25 the eve of the landrenters' meeting to consider the situation up to date and to discuss the nature of the resolution to be put before the landrenters at their meeting on the morrow. 'At this meeting a private telegram was con-

fidentially submitted to the Council. appeared to warrant the conclusion that the China Association in London was of opinion that Tientsin should put "up the guarantee secure the continuation of the postal agency in by subscription among the Members. The and barred before retiring. The police will do the port, and then continue the agitation at secretary said in view of the fact that should the rest. Home to be relieved of the burden.

The Councils also discussed the expediency of asking the Chamber of Commerce to join the guarantors, and thus secure the help of business men residing in the other Concessjons, but it was finally decided not to do so. The resolution to be submitted to the landrenters was drafted and approved. (See below)

It is to be noted that both Councils and Chamber were still under the impression that all that was asked of them was to meet half of the total deficit of \$7.5 :0.

9.—) he landrenters met on September 26 and unanimously passed the following resoluti n':--"In view of the fact that the Junior, Council has expressed its willingness to cominend to the ratepayers of the B.M.R. that they should participate in the required guarantee, this meeting of landrenters authorises the Council to provide the guarantee required by the Hongkong Government to continue the September 30, 1907."

'10 -The Secretary of the Councils the same day communicated the above resolution to the local Chamber of Commerce, and asked it to wire flongkong at once that the required guarantee had been found.

gram the next day:

Governor, Hongkong. 'As per your telegram twelfth September Tientsin British Municipal Council fully appreciating your considerate offer have guaranteed to provide estimated 3,750 dollars half amount deficit to secure continuance of British Post Office here for one year as from thirtieth September 1907 the guarantee will be paid over whenever demanded.

- SOUTHCOTT. Chairman, Chamber of Commerce.

Sept. 27, 07. U.-On September 27 the following lette

was received from Major Nathan:-Tientsin, China, 27th September, 1907.

Sir,-! have noticed in the report of the meeting of land renters held on the 26th September that it has been decided that half of the Government's offer was that if Tientsin would loss on the running of the British Post Office in Tientsin shall be met by an increase of tax-

Under these circumstances it appears likely that the land renters may desire to have a greater voice in the running of the Post Office than at present, and it may therefore be desirable, owing to the inconvenience of having a Post Office on private premises, that the position heretofore occupied by the Mining Company s' ould be taken up by a public body in Tientsin, which would; I assume, be the British

Municipal Council. I shall, therefore, be glad to know the on nion of the Council in the matter, and if it it desired to effect the change I will approach the Governor of Hongkong with a view to the transfer of the office .- 1. remain, etc.,

W.S. NATHAN. Agent & General Manager,

The Chairman. British Municipal Council.

This letter was circulated for inspection and read in Council on October 2nd, but beyond a general expression of opinion that the l'ost Office should continue to go on under its present administration no formal decision was reached on the subject. 12,-On October 1 the Chamber of Com-

1 ientsin.

merce received the following telegram from the Governor of Hongkong late in the evening. This telegram and a letter dated Sept. 21 from the Hon. F. H. May; the Colonial Secretary, received next morning (Oct. 2), proved that every one concerned in the question haduntil now been labouring under a mistaken idea in thinking that we were only asked to bear half of the loss.

The Colonial Secretary's letter makes it quite clear that Trentsin was expected to bear the whole loss (\$7,500) this year, and also holds out the prospect that this sum may be increased to \$10,574 in subsequent years.

Southcott. Tientsin. Your telegram, Friday (received?). I offered continue Office if 7,500 reimbursed balf-yearly instalment. If refused Office closes sale stamps despatch letters Twentieth October. Delivery may continue without surcharge Thirty first December. Wire reply.

1. Oct. 07. The letter was as follows :--Colonial Secretary's Office.

Sir,-With reference to your telegram of

respondence relative to the decision of this

Chimber are credited to the revenue of this 20 per centum, like, all other revenue, of the Colony on account of Imperial Military charges; It would therefore be necessary in this case for

to give formal notice of twelve days (At Tyou to pay a contribution of Sto. 574, if the prescribed by their Land, Regulations) for a revenue of Hongkong were to be at no loss at decided that if the Landronters of the Senior, Landronters of the short potice that Concession in public meeting authorised their this Government has been able to give you of Council to give , the required guarantee of the closing of the Office, the Governor decided \$3,500, they (the Junior Council), would fall in in forego the additional sum that might proline with the Senior, feeling assured that their | poyly have been required of your Chamber, and ratepayers would approve their action when thus to meet as far as possible your desire to keep open the office for one more year.

14. In am to sask that your decision in the matter of paying the contribution asked for "may be communicated to me as soon as possible as the imperial Post Office must be informed of the final settlement of the question before the 1st of October.-1 am etc.

Colonial Secretary... The Secretary Chamber of Commerce, Tientsin.

13 .- The Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce communicated the above telegram and letter early on October 2 to the Councils! special meetings of both Councils were at once

called for the same evening. The whole subject was discussed anew in the light of the above letter and the following

decision was reached: " The Secretary was instructed to make the following proposal to the local Chamber. Commerce:-"The Councils of the British Concession and British Mudicipal Extensionshould each pay one fourth (1) of the estimated deficit of \$7,500 and the balance to be found by the Chamber of Commerce." "

This decision was communicated to the .Chamber of Commerce the next morning, and that Body at once began a canvas by circular of its members to see if it could raise the moiety required, \$3,750, by voluntary subscription.

14.-On October 12 the secretary of the Chamber communicated to the Council the British Postal Agency in Tientsin be closed it would be very difficult ask the Councils to reconsider their decision with a view to guaranteeing the deficit."

Two days later he forwarded for the Councils! inspection a copy of the following telegram received from Hongkong t-

SOUTHCOTT, Tientsin. My telegram first telegraph immediate reply. GOVERNOR.

Oct. 12, 07. The secretary of the Chamber also stated that he had wired a reply as follows:-

Governor, Hongkong. Matter having immediate attention. Cannot reply until Tuesday.

12 Oct., 07. 15.-On Monday, October 14, the Senior Council again met and reviewed the whole position once more. It was fully recognised British Postal Agency in Tientsin for year after | that an annual subsidy of the nature of that indicated in the Colonial Secretary's letter was out of the question; but, on the otherhand, it might be worth a special effort on this occasion to guarantee the deficit for one year, as during that year they might make strenuous efforts to secure the permanency of the office The Chamber did so in the following tele- without any subsidy. It was recognised that, if the office were once closed, the chances of getting if permanently established were much smaller than they would be if it were now kept open while the question was being agitated at

> The Council reached the following decision: "Recognising the value of the British Postal Agency to the British Community, the Council votes a sum of \$5,625 in order to secure the continuance of the Institution for one year from the first instant."

It was of course understood that the Junior Council would stand to its decision to commend the Ratepayers of the British Municipal Extension to supply the remaining fourth (1). This decision was communicated the following morning to the Chamber of Commerce with a request that it would at once intimate

the fact to the Governor of Hongkong. 16.-On October 16, the following letter was | A. G. Suffied, not out -received from the Secretary of the Chamber of W. Wong, c Witchell, b Bacon.....

Tientsin, 26th October, 1907. Sir,-I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your favour of 15th instant, contents of which are noted with thanks. I am directed to express the thanks of the Chamber for the generous way in which the Councils have come forward in this matter and guaranteed the necessary sum, in order to secure the continuance of the Local Postal Agency

I have pleasure in forwarding herewith copy of telegram despatched by us yesterday to the Governor of Hongkong. The Councils may rest assured that this Chamber will take the matter up, and make every possible effort to secure the permanency of the British Postal Agency without making any further call for a subsidy on the part of the Councils.-I

S. GILMORE, .

Act, Secretary. Wm. McLeish, Esquire. Secretary, British Municipal Council and Extension, Tientsin.

Governor, Hongkong. British Municipal Council have guarapteed provide 7,500 dollars to secure continuance of British Post Office for one year as from hist instant, guarantee will be paid over whenever demanded.

SOUTHCOTT, Despatched 15th October, 1907.
—China Critic.

A NAVAL CONCERT AT CHINKIANG.

The crew of H.M.S. Bramble, writes our Chinking correspondent, gave us a most onjoyable entertainment on the evening of the their happiners, since conditions here are and 20th ultimo, which consisted of some instrumental and choral music, a tableau and a humorous dialogue entitled "My Country Cousins. " The tableau, which was called 'Britannia," was | -her status is not changing. Nor should it: very well arranged: Britannia was standing be- | Any change that will bring ber out of domestic hind a Galling gun, dressed in British colours, retirement will exprise her in a field for which surrounded by spilors and soldiers presenting pature unfits her. The wife is the Home arms, and one underneath the gun with his Minister, with full jurisdiction in the family rifle facing to the front, the whole picture bear- | circle. Her husband is Premier, He, besides, ing the motto, "Ready Aye Ready." The applauded. The song "Ping-ping-pong," Luff A.B., dressed in comic style, caused a great deal of laughter, as did "Stop your Hongkong, September 21, 1907. tickling Jock" by A. B. Vincent dressed in (Reached Tientsin Oct. 2, 1907). kilts. "The truth of a lie" was very touching. The Knocksbouts kept the audience September 11 and subsequent telegraphic cor- laughing with their fun, "Pull and push was another great success. "Ring down the Government to close the Post Office at Tien- Curtain " came in very appropriately at the tsin, I am directed to confirm the Governor's end of the first part, of the programme. telegram of rath just, in which you were in- All the songs were well sung, and showed formed that the cost to the Government by the | the keenness of the performers to make maintenance of the Tientsin-Post Office is esti- everything a success. I must not omit to say mated at \$7,500 per annum, for the coming a word for our local musical talent in the peryear, and that His Excellency could only con- son of Professor Wagner, (as his friends like ... sent to continue the conduct of this branch to call him) who did exceedingly well acoffice if your Chamber were ready to defray companying the singers throughout the programme, besides giving selections of his own. 2. I am further to explain to you that when Amongst other items of the second part of the the receipts of the Tientsin Post Office together | programme "His anybody seen our cat" was with the proposed contribution from your highly applauded. "My country cousing was very well done, though our friends found it Colony they become liable to a deduction of somewhat difficult to impersonate ladies. Want item on the programme, which was, indeed, well performed from aret to lesten N. C.D. News

A WARNING TO THE POBLIC POLICE INSPECTOR REFERS TO THE RECENT BURGLARIES.

It will be observed that declar the past week or so there has been a piethora of burglaries and robberies reported in the Colony The majority of people have come to the conclusion that the recent influx of a band of loafers tha outlying ports into the has been responsible for this outbreak. Tha this view-is-also-supported at police headquarters is manifested in an interview which one of our representatives obtained this morning with a leading police inspector."

The inspector said, "Hongkong has offered attractions for a number of loafers, who have come to the Colony with the intention of lining their pockets. They have started work and two tobacconist shops in the centre of the city have been luoted.

"On Friday night an attempt was made to enter the Co-operative Stores at Beaconsfield Arcade, but the thieves were frustrated. On Saturday morning an attempt; was also made to enter the Masonic Lodge, Zetland Street A window, which had previously been barred was found open that morning, and it is believed that the mon were disturbed during their

" Naturally, the police cannot be here, there and everywhere at the same time, and I will be glad if you would sound a note of warning to the public. Every police officer has instructions to keep a sharp look-out for any open doors, or windows on his best, which he will close if they are within reach, and it is now the duty of each householder to co-operate with the police in order to put a check to any further cases. See required by the Hongkong Government and so | that it could only raise the sum of \$1,125 | that the doors and windows are properly locked

".Up to now the burglaries that have been investigated by the police have shown more or less carelessness on the part of the occupier. Take, for invisuce, the case of one of the tobacconist shops that was burgled. The faulight was closed, but not locked; and until some assistance is given us by the public we must confess that we cannot do everything."

CRICKET.

Y.M.C.A. Es. CIVIL SERVICE. The following is the result of the match played between the Y.M.C.A. and the Civi

Service, on Saturday last, at Happy Valley."	
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THE TAPANESE WOMAN.

TWO MORE VIEW-POINTS. In an American magazine "Mr. Harry George, Jr.," has an article entitled "The Rite of the Japanese Woman."- Mr. George is the son of the famous advocate of the single-tax and Free Trade, and some months ago it wi be remembered that he arrived in this country on a flying visit. The following is the sequel:-"As I sat at a formal dinner in the city of Osaka, Japan, not long since, I asked a Japanese gentleman beside me-a highly educated and polished man of the world, who is adviser (sie) to the Chinese Government-if, with

the great advancement in Japan in so many

respects, the status of women is advancing.

"Which woman?" he asked. The labouring woman? Yes. The woman bred abroad or of accessity part of the diplomatic world? Yes. And it is to be doubted if their advancement to the state of women in Europe and America will add to their attractiveness or must be so different. As for the women of the domestic circle—the wife, the mother, the sister. the daughter in the great middle class of Japan attends to all things outside the household. domestic happiness."

"At another time I sat at funcheon with a fascinating Japanese lady of high standing in Tokio. She had graduated from Vassar College, of which New Yorkers are so proud-I shall not say how many years ago. Suffice it that she possessed the case of speech and frankness of manner of an American gitl. repeated to her the substance of the Osaka 'gentleman's statement and asked her opinion. Bosh! she exclaimed, with smiling vivacity. 'We' Japanese women are coming to know our rights, and the men are afraid of

"Hiere are two view-points, or, rather, two attitudes-that of a conservative man and that of a radical or progressive woman, "Which is right may at first puzzle the newcomer to determiner. But we reach clear ground when we study the new Japanese Code, which certainly indicates a very decided advance for woman. In view of recent correspondence, the above of space alone prevents my mentioning every is interesting, but there seems to be a little more of Henry George jun, than anyone alse,

A SOLDIBR OF THE LEGION ENGLISHMAN'S SERVICE IN A

TAMOUS CORPS. FIGHTING IN THE FORESTS OF TONKIN

In a grave in the profty little cometery the 'Happy Valley in Hongkong there' rest from his labours; a young English journalist, who, had he lived; might have carned a his reputation with his pan. Exposure and hardships and repeated attacks of lever undermined a robust constitution, but neither ill-health no the lack of this world's gear could suppress the cheary optimism of a kindly nature which endeared its possessor to a small band of intimate friends.

George Manington was studying in Paris In 1800 when he became fired with the idea of seeing foreign lands under novel conditions. His imagination and desire for adventure had been excited by the recital of the experiences in Tonkin in 1883-5 of an Austrian gentleman who had served in the Foreign Legion, and next morning he presented himself at the Ministère de la Guerre, in the Boulevard St. Germain; to offer his services, only to be referred to the central recruiting depot in Rue | five years, never having naturalised as a French St. Dominique. ENLISTMENT.

A brusque but kindly officer tried to dissuade the Englishman from his project, with the collowing admonition:

"Sacre bleu! The Legion-why you don't know what it is. Well, I will tell you-hard I work, hard knocks, hard discipline, and no thanks. And how does it and? Your throatcut by some thisving Arab if you have luck; f pot, wounded, and then his women make | Slater, who, in conjunction with Mr. Arthur J. sausage meat of you. In Tonquin the same sort of thing-only worse, with fever and sun- | press. The book is published by Mr. John stroke into the bargain. ... You look | Murray, at the price of 10/6, and, in addition

lows! Your family, too!-think of them. -- Sapristil and all for some trifling betise. sans doute. A petticoat, l'il swear-don'tdeny it-I have been young also-a faithless sweetheart-Pish! There are a thousand others who would be delighted to console you. No! A

good dinner, the Moulin Rouge, and to-morrow

you will be cured!" BOLDIERS THREE.

This exhortation did not serve to cool Manington's military ardour, and, a few days later, be landed at Oran, in Algeria, and began his | the East. Amongst Europeans in the Orient period of recruit training in the 1st Regiment | there is observable a distinct tendency to look Etrapgen at Sidi-bel-Abben. There is an in- with more lenient eye, or perhaps with more teresting description in the book he wrote of careless regard, upon certain forms and conthe accommodation provided for the Legion- ditions of human and animal life and treataries, and a good idea is given of the cosmo- ment that would excite the utmost horror is politan nature of the corps.

Manington had been only a few days in appear to lose their finer susceptibilities in this Sidi-bel-Abbes when he made the acquaint- respect merely as a result of their residence in ance of a Scotsman named Knox, who having | the East. Take the rikisha puller as a first exfailed to get into Sandburst, had colisted in an ample. Can we not recall the mixed feelings infantry regiment and served in India and to Edinburgh, he tired of the life, and sought so long as Manington remained in Algiers.

ROUTE MARCHING. Soldierman will read with interest the following description of the system of training the French infantrymen to perform long

marches:--"The recruits start on their first march with rifle and side arms only, and cover a distance of about 20 kilometres—that is abbut 124 miles. This distance is gradually increased, as is also the weight carried, until a man loaded with all his kit, rifle an i bayonet, reserve food for two days, a blanket, an entrenching tool and 200 rounds of ammunition, which represent a total weight of 50 pounds, can perform a march of 45 kilometres-that is, about 28 miles-in ten hours with case. This space of time includes a-rest of ten minutes in each hour whilst marching, and a halt of an hour for a meal. Deducting the time-lost-during-the halts, the average speed is about 31 miles an bour. In many cases during forced marches much better work is done, but the result 65 given above are what the French infantry man who has been nine months with the colours can do with ease; and he maintains thi standard during the remainder of his service, thanks to the continual training he undergoes. The men of each battalion of the Legion are proud of the capabilities of their unit in this respect, and when called upon by their officers will make every effort to break records of forced marches made by other corps.

A JOYCED MARCH. "On the return to barracks after the march the non-commissioned officers of each com pany inspect the men's feet, and Instruct their subordinates in the proper manner of treating blisters or chafes. I have myself seen an example when the results of this excellent system of training to resist fatigue has been of most signal service. As this incident is described in detail in a later thapter, I may simply mention that in January, 1892, a small relief column of which i was a unit, performed a lorged march of 5: kilometres-or 32 miles-

This extraordinary performance took place over jungle paths in the forests of Tonkin. He mentions as a point worth noting that the majority of French soldiers wear no socks when route-marching. Some of the men wratheir feet in a triangular piece of linen, called chausette russe : but in most cases nothing at all is worn inside the boot. He found this last system the best, using tallow to soften his boots in Algiers and castor oil in Tonkin. DACOIT FIGHTING.

Life on a French transport passing through Colombo and Singapore to Saigon and Haiphong is described briefly, and then follows graphic narratives of cautonment life and decoit fighting in the borderland of Tonkin and China. This part-of the book is illustrated with plates showing sections of fortifications, and it is evident that the writer took a serious interest in work which under the conditions, must have been depressing oftentimes and far. from pleasant. His descriptions of the Frencks effect was highly impressive, and the audience This is as it should be; for in this way there officers under whom he served do justice to is, and only in this way can there be, perfect brave men, and it is good to read of the discip'ing that was maintained in these mixed battalions by sympathetic officers who were | variably emerge from the cook's quarters when not afra d of hardship and danger. We regret the fowls for tiffin or dinner are being killed. that space does not allow us to quote an ambuscade incident in which the athlor's nerve was tried to extreme limits. In sphie, of the isolated garrisons, the men suffered terribly and the death-rate from malaria was high. Owing to red-tape regulations (which were revised in 190); one detachment was left without motquite nots in a mosquito-infected district, and. the men suffered agonies of discomfort.

It would appear from "A Soldier of the Legion " that opium-smoking is prevalent amongst the French officers; and European soldiers serving in Tonkin, as well as among feel inclined to take the law into one's own the native troops, but, judging from Mr. Man; | hands, ingion's observation, whereas many, of the Europeans showed no restraint to their appetite for the drug and became enslaved by it, the natives showed more, self-control and limited their daily consumption to a fixed amount day

OPIUM SMOKING. We often hear it asserted that the use of in some fashion to engender. To interest the oplum, however limited in quantity locars livet.

citates the users. This is not Mr. Manington's experience, and although he refers to the drug in conventional phrase as " the subile poison," there is no evidence that seriously harmful results occurred among the troops beyond a lew extreme cases. The coolies of one convoy with which he was making a long march are described as !! tall, well-made men, whose lower limbs were abnormally developed, and yet the majority of them indulged in a few pipes of cheap opium, locally known at Sai. We believe it is a fact that the coolies employed in the Pahang Expedition used opium without: bad effects. : Hard: drinkers suffered most in Tonkin, for once the fever got hold of them the result was generally fatalian the bearing

Mr. Manington's narrative impresses one favourably with the soldier of the Lagion. Rough man there may be among them, but sharing common hardships, these men display much unselfishness and true comradeship, while France never had more, devoted soldiers, not? even among her own brave, sons, 1886 A BOOK WORTH READING The author was promoted to the rank of

sergeant, and received a staff appointment. with a prospect of going to St., Maixent to study for a commission; but at the end of his. subject, he retired into civil life, and in due. course, having been correspondent for The. Times at Haiphoug, he went to Hongkong and became identified with the journalistic life of the place; and died there in 1904. [Mr. Man. ington was on the editorial staff of the Bong. kong Telegraph at the time of his death. Ho.

The manuscript of this posthumbus book was left to a London journalist, Mr. W. B. | Sarl, has edited it, and seen it through the like a gentleman-You are one, I'm sure, to a map of Tonkin (published by permission. Mind you, I don't mean that there are not of General Frey, it contains several illustraothers over there—there are many—poor fel- tions by A. Cerard, a French artist and war

correspondent." It is wall worth reading not only by military men, but by all who care to learn something of other than British Colonies .- Straits Times.

Our word "cruelty" is only a comparative term: it has a very different significance in the West for instance from that which it bears in transplanted to England. Dwellers in the East with which we stepped into our first rikishas Burma. Having "bought out" and returned | the sense of pleasurable novelty and excitement combating a different searching of heart, as to fresh adventures by joining the Legion. These, the morality of employing a fellow human betwo, with Daly, an American artist, whom bad ing to drag us along in a hand carriage 'as a" luck at Monte Carle had driven to enlist, were horse might do. But once the novelty wears evidently replicas of Kipling's "Soldiers Three" off, the sentimentality of our cogitations disappears, leaving behind it merely the prosaic fact that the rikisha is an eminently useful .institution and an almost indispensable vehicle. Some years ago, I remember meeting in Hongkong a man who had just come out from

Home to superintend one section of a large engineering undertaking. He was a man of a full habit,-weighing sixteen or seventeen stones. With great vehemence he expressed to me his indignation and disgust at the cruelty of Europeans in employing their fellow humans, as haulage animals or chair bearers, (thereby, 1.4% be said, transforming the latter into mere slaves to others affluence) instead of using the legs that Providence had given them. Such platitudes were not unfamiliar to me, . Just for the sake of drawing him on, I put forward the argument that the riksha coolie was no more a slave to wealth than was the dock labourer Jumping silk bales on the London whatves or tea chests in Glasgow and Liverpool-both of: which commodities undoubtedly come within the category of luxuries as much as do the hill. chair and the riksha. But there was no shifting. this Yorkshireman's fixed conviction. Ho! hewould never lower himself in his own estimation and transgress the laws of humanity by riding in a rikisha or going up the hill in a: chair; he would use his legs. Well, it hardly requires to be said that Hongkong is not suited to the use of gharries, of which only a few ply on the main street, nor do the low and upperlevel tramways serve the entire city; and in summer time the heat-not to mention the rains—in the northern city, is fat more unbearable than that which we ever experience in Singapore. It was in the height of summer. when this incident took place, and it was less than's week after his protestation that I saw our worthy fat friend folling comfortably in a rikishs with one coolie, in the shafts and a second pushing behind. So much for senti-

As regards cruelty to birds and animals, the Chinese are remarkably callous from the European point of view." Were a lidy member. of the S.P.C.A. to witness some of the daily sights in our markets, she would probably sand a tirade to the "British Weekly" that would result in an indignation meeting in Exctor Hall. with subsequent suppressive Parliamentary av measures. Une of the worst examples of cruelty is to be seen in the method of landing ducks and fowls from the Java boats. The fowls are tied up by theflegs in bunches of half a dozenorso, and are sinng ashore with much less. delicacy of chandling than would be accorded to a bunch of Spanish onions, or horse radishes. When thrown on to the stones, each bouch lands in a fantastic heap in which heads, leva and wings are indescribably conglomerated. and if is only after strenuous pecking and pulling that the poor creatures get settled down on: their breast bones. Broton wings are frequent. Then how often does one secon the streets: fowls carried by the wlogs bent backward or with head dangling downward ; overcrowded by traies, and such-like ? "With us, these are" aff regarded as cruelty; with the Chinese, it is

I wonder, now, whether any of the ladies. in the Colony who keen their own houses, are ever struck by the peals of laughter which inor know what these betoken if they troubled themselves to make inspection, it, would lead to the discovery of the band of boys and other servants watching with gloo the last, pervous gyrations and fantastic dances of the chickens whose heads have just been chopped off. This may not be cruelty per se, but it denotes innate brutality. The torture of bullocks by tail-teleting and the jerking for the driving rope, which passes through the cartilege of the nostrils is another common street spectacle: in Singapore, to see which, often makes one

Such are a few of the more refised forms of cruelty to animals requiring to bardeals with by the P.C.A. Department, who however are aiready doing excallent work and spiles only through that anathetic attitude of the European community which residence in the West seems

A CRIMEAR VETERAN. DEATH AT TAI KOK-TSUI.

MISERY IN WEALTH.

Through the secluded life which he lived and the eccentricities which marked the habit of the recluse, it was not known that, in the out-of-the-way district of Tai-kok-tsui there ived, within the squalid hovel-of-a-squatter's [ful we feel. habitation, an old man who enjoyed the distinction of baving been a Crimean voteran. Charles James Bryant, such was the name of the eccentric; individual, fought, in the Crimen War and was awarded the much-covetted bonours of the Crimean medal. He obtained discharge from the Grehadier Guards 1857. Early in the sixtles he found way to China and enlisted in the Shanghal Police Force in 1864. Leaving the force he subsequently joined the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs Service from which he resigned after having amassed. comfortable competence. How he found his way to Hongkong there is no record to show. but it is known that he had been residing in the Colony for the past seven years, the last three of which he spent at the village of Tai-kok-isui, beyond Yaumsti, on the mainland. He elected to live the life of a recluse, buying his own provisions, cooking his own meals and, in short, attending entirely to his own persona wants which, under the circumstance, were, of course, next to nothing. Bryant pursued the idiosyncracies of his peculiar nature undisturbed and unobserved except by Chinese village squatters who live vicinity of his miserly habitation This morning the old Crimean veteran was found doad by Sergeant Simm in his little hovel amidst all the exterior evidences of misery. dirt and squalor. His belongings were not worth twenty cents. Upon examination of the old rags which by courtesy are designated the garments of the eccentric old man, were found about \$200 in cash: Bryant is known to own some landed property in the Western district of the Island and is reputed to be possessed of a deposit receipt for \$5,000 in one of the local Banks. He was believed to have a surviving. sister living in England and a son whose whereabouts is not known in Hongkong, . His funeral will take place to-morrow morning, at Happy Valley, at nine o'clock.

BURIED AT HAPPY VALLEY,

FUNERAL ACCORDED MILITARY HONOURS.

The remains of the late Charles James Bryant, the Crimean veteran, whose death was | herandnavigating her to Ko Lau-anuninhabit exclusively reported in our columns last even; ed spot on the Chinese coast. Here the crev ing, were laid to rest at Happy Valley this were put on shore at about 3 p.m. on August morning. The life history of the deceased 20th. The pirates then sailed off with the vessel was one surrounded more or iess with glory, and the boat in which they had come aboard. for having fought in the Crimean War and The crew made their way home by land, Arrivwon all the glories which the victories of ling at Chak Po on August 28th, where they re-British arms can claim, Bryant secured the ported to the owner. The plaintiff had in fact honours of the surviving few who took received the news of the piracy of this vessel part in the history-making of the actions on August 19th from the junk which had been fought during that memorable war in 1854. His her consort. On August 20th he reported to last days, as reported in our last issue, were the local authorities. On September 9th he marked by the erratic behaviour of an eccen- went in company with the master to Kongtric mind due, no doubt, to that old age which | moon, thence to Macao, and thence came to is called by some the "second infancy." Hongkong, where on September 24th he found Though possessed of considerable means, the the missing vessel at anchor at Shau-ki-wan, famous veteran lived the life of a hermit far re- in possession of the defendant. He reported moved from all intercourse with his European | the affair to the flarbour police. The delivery Tai-kok-tsui, in a squalid shanty whose dimen- solicitor, but defendant was only willing to sions did not exceed some ten feet by five by comply on being satisfied by the plaintiff's ten the eccentric old man for the past three years | solicitor and on receiving from plaintiff the unattended and uncared for. He chose for his and all his expenses. remote corner of the village, and to all intents | instructed by Mr. F. B. L. Bowley (Crown the remaining days of a strenuous life. However, through the eccentricities of his temperament he preferred the squalid environments which are beget of avarice, and amidst such surroundings veteran Bryant passed away without a single attendant yesterday only to be found the hearing of the motion?

the district on the mainland. It was at first believed that Bryant would have been given a pauper's funeral, but when his past history became known to the Military Authorities the deceased was accorded all the honours of a Military burial. Charles James Bryant joined the Coldstream Guards (not the Grenadiers as erroneously stated 'yesterday) in 1857 when eighteen years of age." He soon became a corporal and subsequently rose to the rank of a sergeant. He obtained his discharge after five years' service. already stated he took part in the Crimean War and won the Medal with four clasps, viz., Alma, Inkerman, Balaclava and Sebastopol. He was also awarded the Crimean Turkish Medal. Both these decorations were laid on his coffin to-day. Before proceeding to China he first served in the London Metropolit. an Police and later the Shanghai Municipal Police. From both those forces he retired with "good-conduct" endorsed on his papers which have been found since his death yesterday. Joining the Chinese Imperial Maritime Customs service he was posted to Canton whence he withdrew into retirement.

dead by Sergeant Sim who is in charge of

As stated above Bryant's funeral this morning were attended with all Military honours as befitted one who had served his country, with such conspicuous distinction as on the fields of Alma, Inkerman, Balaclava and Sebastopol. The body of the deceased was removed from Tai-kok-tsui to Hongkong yesterday. The coffin was carried to the grave by sergeants of the local Garrison. The Band, with muffled drum, of the 3rd Middlesex, Regiment was in attendance, besides a firing party from the same Regiment. There were also a few ! Commissioned Officers from the Regiments in Garcison to pay their last tribute of respect to one of the few survivors of a memorable war in the Victorian era. Some beautiful wreaths were sent by the Military. The sarvice at the graveside was performed by the Rev. C. H. Hickling. After the body had been consigned to the grave the firing party' fired the usual three volleys, and to the sound of the Last Post " the last of the mortal remains of a remaining few of the sturdy warriors were laid to rest in that section of the Colonial Cematery which is set apart' for the noble Defenders of the Empire.

LOTTERY ZICKETS

IMPOSTATION PROHIBITED The following notice, dated the 28th ulto,

appears in the Government Gasette :-1.- The importation into Hongkong through the Post Office of any lottery ticket or advertisement of any lottery or of any letter, post card or circular concerning any lottery is hereafter

prohibited. 2. The Postmaster General may seize all such lottery tickets and letters, post cards or circulars concerning a lottery and cause the same to be returned to the post office at which they were mailed

THE LATE MBS. TAYLOR.

We have received the following communication from Sir Frederick Lugard:-

December 3rd, 1907 Sir.-Lady Lugard and I have been deepy touched by the sympathy which has been shown to us in our sorrow and we would like to say for ourselves and for Captain Taylor and for Mr. Brackenbury how grate-

We would also like to say that we hope this kind feeling will not take the form of postponing the festivities or cancelling the social engagements which are usually made at this time of year. The prominent trait in the character of Mrs. Taylor was happy his joy of life and loving sympathy in the joys and pleasures of others, and we feel sure that what she would have wished would be that the social life of the Colony should go on as though she were still taking her own part in it.--Yours truly.

F. D. LUGARD.

REVIVAL OF AN INTERESTING CASE.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S LOCUS STANDS

THE PIRATED JUNK.

A very interesting point was raised in the Supreme Court, on the 4th last, before the Full Court, comprising their Honours Sir Francis Piggott (Chief Justice) and Mr. A. G. Wise (Puisne Judge); when application was made for leave to appeal from the judgment of Mr

Justice Competts, delivered last month, in the case in which Ip Tsung Nin sought to recover a junk from Kwong Tse King, or, in the alternative her value--\$1,000. Mr. Justice Gom pertz, in deciding the case, held that the sale of the junk in his opinion was a sale of goods in "market overt" within the meaning of the Sale of Goods Ordinance, 1896, and found for the defendant.

The circumstances under which this action was commenced, readers will recollect were as follows :- The plaintiff, Ip Tsung Nic. is a salt fish dealer carrying on business at Chak Po village, Yeung Kong district, province of Kwang Tuog. He was the owner of two fishing junks which went out as usual to fish in company on August 17. One of these junks, in respect of which this claim is brought, had a crew of eight men, including the master-Kong Luk. When at sea, at about m. next morning (18th August), the vessel was boarded by armed pirates who overpowered the crew and forced them into the hold, taking possession of

habitat a miserable old squatter's dwelling in a l . Mr. W. Rees Davies (Attorney-General), advanced years should have entitled him for loMessrs. Wilkinson and Grist, was for the res-

Mt. Davies-Your Lordships, 1 appear for the appellant, and ask for permission to appeal against the decision of Mr. Justice Gompertz:-Mr. Justice-Wise-You want a day fixed for

Mr. Davies-Yes.

Mr. Justice Wise-Whom do you appear forthe Government? Mr. Davies-I appear for the appellant.

Sir Francis Piggott?—In this action? Mr. Davies stated that the case being a very interesting one to the public he was instructed by the Government to appear for the appellant.

some authority on your locus standi. Mr. Davies-I will do so when the case comes up. The Crown Solicitor, he stated, appeared for

from the Government.

Government I am entitled to appear.

fied by a big fee.

General.

the right to appeal. -Mr. Davies-Yes. In the meantime I would | was fined \$5: ask for stay of execution.

Sir Francis Piggott-Has there been no stay? Mr. Davies-No. Mr. Justice Wise-Leave it over until next

Mr. Davies-It is customary to grant the This was granted, and the hearing was fixed for next week.

RUSSIA IN THE FAR EAST. PROPOSED WORKS IN SIBERIA AND

Budget for next year :--

Fleet and to the East. Asia Steamship Company is to be increased by 30 per cent. on the figures for this year,

ports of Japan, : " "onsulate at Tsuruge.

Saghalien.

ARMED ROBBERY IN CHINA

GROCER BOUND AND MEATEN.

Mr. Li Cho Wan, a grocer, living in the San Cho village, Pun'U district, in the Kwangtung village, who was sleeping in his bedroom on the ground floor of his house shortly after mideight on the 24th ulto, was awakened by noise in his room. He was lying with his face near the wall, and on turning round he saw the gloom the figure of a man standing near his head.

Mr. Li, it might be mentioned, is a manabout forty years of age, and not more that five lest four inches in height, but he has plenty of pluck. He made a lunge at the figure at his bedside, half springing out of his bed." blow landed but in return he received one full in the face that knocked him back flat on the bed. No sooner had he fallen than another man shot out from the gloom on the left hand side of his bed and dealt him a severe blow on the head. Mr. Li had been partly dazed by the first few blows and a couple more put him in such a condition that it was impossible for him to call for assistance. At no time, however, was he entirely unconscious.

One of the robbers, who held a lighted torch, drew a revolver from his pocket, and, holding it close to Mr. Li's face, threatened to blow out his brains if he moved, while the others bound his hands-paims together-with stout pieces of cord. Having fastened the unfortunate man's hands, they went to work to bind his feet.

There are three windows in the room. One opened in the main road, another in a lane, and the other at the back of the house, overtooking a paddy-field. Mr. Li was unable to see his assallants until they began to tie his feet." Then he saw that they were all marked. Having scarcely bound their victim the robbers started to work to ransack the house. They went through his clothes, broke open his trun's, and removed all the valuables therein. Before leaving one of the robbers produced a gag and forced it into the grocer's mouth and dnotted it behind his neck. Then they left.

Mr. Li lay motionless for nearly half, an (hour. Then he tried to release himself. which he did in a few minutes. He then ran to the window and shouted for help subsequently rushed upstairs to learn if his wife and family had been harmed. His bloodstained and battened appearance gave them fright, and while Mr. Li called for help from a rear window his wife called in the neighbours

Nothing could be done at that late hour, and pext morning, Mr. Li reported the outrage to the District Magistrate, who caused inquiries to be made, but with no results. It was discovered later that one of the men, who was supposed to have been implicated in the outrage, had taken passage to Hongkong. The police authorities were notified, with the result that a man named Chak Wong was arrested in the Central district on suspicion. The suspect was arraigned at the Police Court, last Tuesday, and the case was remanded for a week.

THE "STAR" PERRY FRACAS, -POLICEMAN FINED.

Thesease against Captain Watson of the dredger Canton River and Frederich Norman of the Sailors Home, for behaving in a disorderly manner in Connaught Road, was again continued at the Police Court, this afternoon. As before Mr. Goldring appeared for them. Mr. Pile stated he was a draughtsman in the Naval Yard. Between it p.m. fellow-men. Away in the remote village of up of the junk was demanded by plaintiff's and 12 midnight on the 18th Nov. he was playing billiards in the Hongkong Hotel. left, the hotel with first defendant, arriving at the Star. Ferry at 12,25. The spent the remaining days of his lonesome life, amount of the purchase money with interest first defendant had no small money except a \$100 note. The ticket collector asked him to buy a ticket. In the meantime the second defendant and Mr. Taylor came up lived the life of a miserable pauper when he | Solicitor), of Messrs. Dennys and Bowley, ap. 17. C. Hedge who was in plain clothes also was possessed of sufficient means to secure for peared for the appellant. Mr. M. W. Slade, came up. He said he would arrest first dehim all the comforts and even luxury which his | who was instructed by Mr.-E. J. Grist, of | tendant for refusing to pay his fare. While this was going on Mr. Taylor had already purchased a ticket for first defendant and produced it. Constable Hedge then said he would bring a charge of disorderly conduct against first efendant. The second defendant advised first defendant not to create a scene, Hedge then called an Indian constable. Hedge then caught hold of the first de'endant with unnecessary violence. By that time the ferry had gone. Since then he has been laid up and has not interviewed any one in regard to this. He is giving evidence voluntarily. The first defendant was sober. When witness left the ferry wharf both defendants were very Sir Francis Piggott-1 should like to have

Captain Watson said he was captain of the dredger Canton River. On the 18th November he had dinner at the Owl Grill room. After that he went to play billiards at the Hongkong Hotel. the Crown in the Court below on instructions He only had a bottle of beer with his dinner, the afterwards left the hotel with last witness · Sir Francis Piggott-I'don't see how he can to catch the last ferry. He generally carried punch ticket but had not got it with him or Mr. Justice Wise-I think the application | that occasion. He was told to buy a ticket had better be adjourned and the case can go He had no small change. The Chinaman on when you have shownd your right to appear. | in the ticket box said he could pay the Mr. Davies - I thought by permission of the following day. He had only a \$100 with him. Mr. Taylor then bought a ticket Sir Francis Piggott-Not as Attorney- for him. Then P. C. Hedge came and said he would charge him for not paying Mr. Davies said he could not appear in any his fare. The second defendant then came other capacity, besides he was not being forti- up and offered to pay for his fare. Then P. C. Hedge held him from behind by the Sir Francis Piggott-The argument will last | back of his collar and took him as far as the about half an hour. Would Wednesday suit | C. P. R., He told Hedge to let go as he was choking him. After further evidence Mr. Mr. Justice Wise-That without prejudice of Melbourne discharged, Captain Watson and Norman, and on the cross-charge P. C. Hedge

> CONFERENCE OF CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE:

> > FIRE INSURANCE IN JAPAN,

The Japan Chronicle of 22nd ult. says :- At Wednesday's sitting of the conference of Chambers of Commerce, the chairman of the the Government to effect an amendment of the Insurance Law (as mentioned in these columns what Lord Charles hoped to secure A Vladivostok message to the Asali gives ference. The chairman then stated that the following summary of the principal works | the committee had decided to make representa-

committee was unanimously adopted. district is to be conducted by the Government. Chambers of Commerce, municipal and other the present European merchant as middleman | emphatic expression of good wishes and conall expenditure incurred thereby to be borne public offices, and that the companies neglect between the East and the West, Singular gratulations with which it is accompanied. log sottlement of claims should be warned.

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The following paragraphs, illustrating the situation in one part of Cheklang, are taken from a Chinese paper published in Hangchow :--CHENGHEIRN IN DANGER.

Yesterday members of the educational institutions of Shaobsing sent a telegram to their fellow-townsman residing in Liangchow stating that a certain body of Taichon desperadors have been causing considerable trouble there and have spread into the district of Chengbaien (Shaohaing prefecture), in consequence of which Chenghaien is in danger. For this reason the residents of the city of Shaohsing are panic-stricken. The telegram, therefore, re- Viceroy of Liangkiang, and from the Governor quests Shaohsing men in Hangchow to petition the Governor in regard to the critical condition of Changhaien with the request that troops be sent to the scene of disturbance to restore order. It is stated that Shaohsing man residing in Hangchow have asked a certain gentleman to write to the Governor on the matter. A PETITION TO THE CHEKIANG GOVERNOR by members of the gentry of Changhsian, residing in Hangchow; Your petitioners received yesterday a despatch from their native city stating that on the 16th instant (November 21) a large body of desperadoes appearing from the heights of Yushan, in Tungyanghsien, suddenly descended into the western confines of Chenghsien, at a place called Ta'ajshanwan. Your petitioners learn that this news has already been sent to your Excellency by the Shaohsing authorities (prefect). To-day reliable news has been received here to the effect that the desperadoes in question, have already come to blows with the Chenghslen garrison and militia (or volunteers), resulting in the death of several tens of soldiers and volunteers. Your netitioners have also learned that your Excellency has already sent a detachment of troops to the scope of dis-

turbance to punish the marauders, This body of desperadoes is, as a matter of fact, most dangerous to the peace and good order of the province and numbers over a thousand men, armed with magazine rifles of the latest pattern. In addition to this there is also a numerous body of malcontents in Chenghsion and, taken with the recent defeat of the troops, the ranks of the desperadoes will certainly increase from day to day. It is greatly to be feared, therefore, that the small detachment sent by your Excellency will not be able to oppose the malcontents.

After mature deliberations your petitioners have come to the decision that the only way is strongly to petition your Excellency to lose no delay in sending a high official with a strong force of troops to attack and annihilate the desperadoes and so save the country invaded from a great danger, as well as to vindicate the strong arm of the law. Your Excellency will thereby merit the deep gratitude of your petitioners and all concerned who await with anxiety your Excellency's commands.

Your petitioners from Chenghaien, who have come a long way to reside in Hangchow, cannot foretell whether their native city will be able to survive the crisis, if not, then the great danger that will befall Shaohsing becomes rolf-evident. The detachment that has been sent forward, it is to be feared, will certainly be retained by the prefect of Shaohaing in that city. In that case the danger to Chenghsien will be greater than ever. 'We, therefore, pray that your Excellency will instruct the commander of the detachment to proceed straight

to Chenghsien, (Signed) Chao Shu-cheng, Cuo Bh'ing-sung Ts'ien Lü-heiang, Ts'ien Ching-shih, I Yin-sen and Chang Tre-ching, Members of the gentry and notables of Chenghsien, at present residing in the city of Hangchow,-N. C. D. News.

CHINA'S FUTURB.

These two little paragraphs may well be read together in regard to the future rise of China as a maritime power:-

"In 1900 the Pacific was the ocean of the future. In 1907 (says the Broad Arrow), it is the ocean of the present. The dominating factor in the situation is Japan, the only one of America's rivals which is a purely Pacific Power. Behind her stands China, with potentialities so vast that they dwarf the imagination and beggar prophecy."

"From Shanghai Wis reported that a group of mandarins are planning the formation of Chinese Steam. Navigation Company for developing maritime traffic between Chinese settlements on the coast of America, Australia, and Polynesia and generally to obtain a foot-

ing in oversea trade. The Japanese have already entered well into the running of occan-going lines of steamers and in reason it cannot be very long before we see, after the example of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, important Chinese owned lines running between Shanghai, Hongkong and European ports as well as other Chinese lines of equal importance running across the Pacific. or perhaps, when the time comes, through the Panama Canal to the East Coast ports of the United States. Thanks to the effort of Japan. when Russian diplomacy had driven bek with her back to the wall in Korea and compelled her to fight for her national existence, it is no longer possible to write in the apprehensive tone used by Lord Charles Beresford in his book, "The Break Ur of China," that was the result of his commercial mission to China in 1898. He then saw that if the break-up of an ancient empire was to be averted the idea of "spheres of influence" would have to be thrown over, and a strong bid made, by Britain, to support the integrity of China. With Russis, as was the case nine. years ago, pressing heavily through Manchuria on Northern China, there seemed little chance of buttressing up China's int-grity by British influence alone, and at the outset of his mission, in Singapore Lord Charles Beresford was warned of the risks, even the utter impracticalities of the particular international grouping he proposed, a proposal he very prudently was silent upon thereafter, It was the Treaty with Japan, that assured lanan that Britain would forbid any hostile coalition against her, and the subsequent committee dealing with the proposal to petition. milltary action by lapan against the locessant Russian merch of aggression, that did for China yesterday) reported that he had waited on the the cordial and possifish co-operation of four log in my Kingdom. I am aware of what value Minister for Agriculture, and Commerce, and powers, of whom one at least was an entirely have been the commercial ability of the Chihad laid before him the views of the con- incongruous and refractory element in the sug. | nese merchants and the thrift and industry of gested common agreement. There is to be the large number of Chinese workers who have more of history to be made round the shores in the Far East proposed in the Russian tions to the Government, calling on them to of the Pacific, bristling as they are all round strictly enforce control over the business of fire | with problems dependent for their solution on I,-The bounty granted to the Volunteer insurance companies. The motion of the the wonderful developments in the Far East to secure for themselves a suitable field for the of which we are to-day witnessing the prelude. Mr. Hayami, of the Hiroshima Chamber, than there is likely to be upon the shores of the moved that the outrageous delinquency of the | Atlantic with its more accient and stereotyped 2.- The dispatch of financial agents to open Nisshu, Yamato, Osaka, Hotel, and Naigai Fire | forms of human settlement and national or-Insurance Companies, which have not yet settled | gapisation, We think less, at the moment of | ed by my own subjects. I regard them not as 3.- A sum of 20,000 roubles is to be set the claims in connection with the Hakodate fire, military and naval possibilities of Conflict loreigners, but as one of the component parts aside for the establishment of the Russian should be made known to the public at large, than of the vista of the growing importance of at the same time representations being made the commercial activity of China and Japan, 4-A subsidy of 50,000 roubles is to be to the Government. The motion obtained and of the establishment of a vast mercantile granted to the Vladivostok Electric Railway strong support, but it was thought by some that marine serving that commercial activity, and ing to me as evidence of your appreciation of the the time had not arrived to take such vigorous with that the establishment, in European trad. result of the policy I have followed and of the 5 -A sum of 1,000,000 roubles is to be set action. It was eventually decided that the ling centres and sesports, of the direct agencies satisfactory conditions under which you live. aside for developing the natural resources of result of the payments made in settlement by of a large number of Chinese and Japanese. I accept with pleasure the beautiful gift native resourcefulness, will scarcely be and ea h insurance, company interested in the mercantile firms, In other words the slow but which you offer me as a memento, and I shall 6.-The export of timber from the Ussuri Hakodate fire should be reported to all the gradual tendency towards the elimination of always regard its value as enhanced by the

THE CHEKIANG RAILWAY.

THE DOWAGER-EMPRESS AND THE RAILWAY LOAN.

Writing from Peking on 19th ult., the cor respondent of the N. C. D. News says :- A statement emanates from the Waiwupu to-day to the effect that the Empress I)owager has been greatly moved by the persistent efforts of the natives of Kiangen and Chekiang in op position to the much vexed question of the railway loan. Her Majesty accordingly has instructed the Foreign Ministry to ascertain from the of Kiangau and of Cheking to what extent the natives may be in a financial condition to buy out all the interests of British concessionaries in the line. Sir John Jordan has tried in vain to induce the Waiwupu to sign the agreement and still insists that the line should be built with British money,

It may be mentioned here that, smong all the Ministers of the Walwupu, only H.E. Yuan Shib kai is in favour of borrowing the £1,500,000, his reason being that it is not only the best way for the settlement of the dispute between the British and Chinese Governments in view of their existing friendly relations, but also that by accepting the loan China's reputation among foreign Powers, which invariably complain of her bad faith in breaking. her pledges, will be established. Apartfrom these considerations the railway in quesble; as has been done with the Shanghai-Nanking line which ought to be completed early in 1908: It certainly seems very difficult for the natives to subscribe the Tls. 1,500,000 themselver, for money is short in every part of the Chinese Epire at the present time.

THE POLICY OF COMMON SENSE.

H. K. Yuan's policy in regard to foreign loans is that the Chinese Government must introduce capital from countries friendly to China, if it really wishes to develop railway, mining and other industries, provided always that the power of administration remain with the Chinese authorities, while foreign capitalists will draw their dividends out of the annual profits in the same manner as the Chinese investors. Unfortunately his Excellency's good ideas are still opposed by the high Manchu and Chinese authorities in Peking, who are in favour of the entire exclusion of foreign money from Chinese industries are hardly capable of developing the enormous resources of the Empire with empty hands. Peking, 21st November.

In spite of the increased opposition of the natives of Kiangsu and Chekiang, the loan of LI,500,000 for the construction of the Sonchow-Hangchow-Ningpo line has now been definitely settled between the Walwupu and the British Legation here. Mr. J.O. P. Bland, representative of the British and Chinese Corporation, lest for Mukden and beyond in company with Lord Ffrench on the 18th instant to visit the Three East Provinces of Manchuria.

With a view to pacifying the friends of the capital being utilized appears to have been opponents and agitators in the two provinces companies at Soochow and Hangel Jw.

THE CHINESE IN BANGROK.

On the occasion of the anniversary of the Coronation of the King of Siam on the 16th application in China, and the expense and ult., the Chinese resident at Bangkok present- appliances requisite even for a preliminary ed the following address to His Majesty:-ADDRESS OF THE CHINESE OFFICIAL

AND COMMERCIAL COMMUNITY.

To the King's Most Excellent Majesty :. We: the Chinese mercantile community engaged in commerce and industry under Your Majesty's benevolent protection in this Kingdom, crave permission to welcome and present our homage of profound respect to Your Most

Gracious Majesty. We have learned with great joy that on this foreign tour, which Your Majesty undertook for the sake of health and to make the world better. stquainted with the Siamese nation, Your Majesty bur been received by the Sovereigns and Chiefs and all Classes in the States which You. have visited, with great cordiality and frienship.

Words fail us to give vent to feelings at Your Majesty's anfe return and restoration to health nor can we conceive of anything to testify adequalely to the deep gravitude which we owe for the many blessings which we have derived from Your Majesty. In the short time which has been afforded to us, we have conceived of a memento, which we now lay before Your Majesty. It is a thing of no great value and but poorly represents the measure of our thankfulness: but it is an object which we esteem. and which we humbly pray Your Majesty to accept as a token of our heartfelt loyalty and veneration towards Your Royal Person, It'i an artistic representation of the Trinity: Hok, Lok, and Siu, allegories of the three Highest Virtues, of which Your Majesty, possesses in

If, in the future, we who have come to live in this country under Your Majesty's protection, shall occasionally revisit the country of our birth, we shall always cherish the grateful remembrance of Your Majesty's great bene-

We also carnestly pray, on this occasion, that all Your Majesty's desires, may be fully ity of the clause. I these points are undergratified and that all the good wishes and blessings we invoke upon Your Majesty may be completely fulfilled.

Bangkok, 17th November, 1907.

REPLY OF HIS MAJESTY. It is with a feeling of especial satisfaction that receive the welcome of the representatives I of the Chinese commerce community residimmigrated to this country. The natives of China, although of a different race, have had no need of official representation or assistance Lexercise of those qualities for which they are remarkable. It has always been my policy that the Chinese in Siam should have the same opportunity for labour and for profit as are possessof the country, and sharing in its prosperity and a vancement. Your presence on this ocrasion is therefore, as I have said, peculiarly gratify-

CHINBSE MINBRAL WEALTH.

China is now beginning to recognise the importance of her mineral resources and an article which appears in the P. 6. T. Times is of interest to those who are following the question. It reads Mining conditions and prospects in any

country possess a strong fascination for the speculator, and in few more than in China which is known to abound in vast fields of upexploited mineral land. The mineral wealth of this empire is perhaps almost incalculable, for the resources of the country, through the combined agencies of ignorance and prejudice, still remain a scaled book, and an estimation of the possibilities of the provincial hinterlands is based solely on the rare but valuable experiments which have directly and indirectly been possible. The greatest interest has therefore attached to the publication by the Chinese Government of the conditions under which this imperfect knowledege may be extended, and when in 1904 the regulations issued were found to offer little encouragement for practical work, hopes were raised that the protests of the Powers would result in more generous privileges being accorded by the amended and permanent ones. A comparison of the preliminary regulations of three years ago with those which we have just published as the full blown effort of H.E. Chang Chih-tung, approved by the Throne and issued as the future conditions of mining development in China; will we fear only contion may then be constructed as soon as possi- firm the impression that, in spite of her assertions to the contrary, China does not intend that her mineral lands shall be developed at all, and least of all by aliens from the West,

. In general principle the new regulations are identical with the provisional ones, only the principle is carried farther. The whips of Solomon have so to speak become the scorpions of Rehoboam in the hands of the venerable Viceroy and the Board of Commerce and I chahod has been written in flaming letters

across the portal of investors' expectations. The new regulations are more than three times as numerous as the provisional ones. and go into details which leave little or no scope for an intelligent judgment on the part of any official; or allowance for any special, conditions, - Everything appears to have been thought of which experience or a too vivid imagination can associate with possible friction between Chinese and foreigners, and a possible advantage being gained by the mining promoter of any nationality, While no definite discrimination is made between natives and foreigners in regard to the sharing of profits, the privileges accorded are so bedged round with restrictions as virtually to nullify every concession yielded. To the Chinese mind, accustomed to a metaphysical verbosity, the stipulations embodied in the hundred and forty-seven regulations, will probably act only as a stimulant to ingenious circumvention, for none know better than the Chinese how to evade the responsibilities of the law without openly setting it at defiance,

In the new regulations the idea of foreign

more seriously contemplated than formerly and the Empress-Downger has issued a second | the reference to foreigners is more frequent and Edict (through the Grand Council), informing specific, the conditions of their participation the natives that the Government has no alter- being such as almost inevitably to afford native than to accept the loan as the best | Chinese an opportunity for dispensing with means of settling the dispute in view of the | them whenever it might be found convenient existence of the preliminary agreement con- or profitable to do so, and laying the burden cluded in 1898; further that the Ministry of of loss and responsibility almost entirely on Posts and Comunications has been instructed | their shoulders. The time limits for prospectto protect native interests in the line and re- | iog and commencing work in such cases where employ the staffs of the Chinese railway permission to exploit is granted, are in almost all instances shortened in the new conditions; the extension of ode year on preliminary work granted in the old regulations being reduced to a possible but by no means certain six months in the new. When we remember the delay expense. and uncertainty which invariably attends the consideration of any official survey and experimental tests of any mining area, a period of two months in which to ongage engineers and start operations after receiving the tardy permission for this work, is in itself a prohibitory reduction of the formerly conceded six months' grace. It would in the first instance-necessitate the engagement beforehand of mining experts on the bare chance of a prospecting permit being granted, should focal services not be available or justly appraised, and retaining fees and expenses for an indefinite period. This difficulty being overcome the period of one year only, or by special sauction a possible eighteen months is allowed for the conclusion of all preliminary work and the formation of definite plans for its continuance. The issue of prospectuses. raising of the requisite capital, the importation of the necessary plant are all apparently included in this time and the regulation is suggestive of a capacity for hustle not usually associated with mining enterprises of an extensive nature. Sixty days only is allowed for the drafting and deposit with the authorities of plans in triplicate, which are to include not only geological diagrams. but explicit information in regard to underground details and possible developments. which in the natural course of thinks could hardly be escompassed in the preliminary works; bot to mentlon buildings and workshops which would be equally non-existant at

> The possibilities for interference with any mining enterprise if which foreigners are interested, outlined in Art. 40 of the principal regulation, are sufficiently forcible. quite apart from all miner considerations, to render the conditions valueless for foreign capitalists, as in China a case o alleged 'loss through | mismanagement if it suited the interests of a Chinese fival or bp. ponent to create one, might be forescen as an every-day probability and the apparent liberalstood foreigners may engage in mining enterpriseus much as they like ! possesses an unconscious humour. The incidental expenses and liabilities provided for the mining promoter are if totalled up fairly costly and comprehensive, the fees chargeable on the observance of the annual formalities in regard to plans, certificates and the like representing in themselves an appreciable item when allowance for "inaccuracies" has been made.

The Articles of the regulations which will however most vitally interest foreigners in China, are those which relate to mining the terprise already in existence. It is clearly stated that all mining concerns now, in operation come wader the regulations 3 to 6, and we may confidently anticipate that these clauses will form, the subject of immediate diplomatic, negotiation, and, quite possibly the foundation for considerable friction, Taken in their entirety the regulations, principal and supplementary, are calculated to place a real and permanent check on mining develop ment in Chins, the tendency of their operation being to limit the freedom under which alone trade can thrive, and render the resources of the country hidebound by official supervision and interference. Even Chinese, however advantageously placed by couraged to launch out into, autensiva apecuation under conditions which limit help chances of profit to individual official integrity. and offer a premium to misrepresentation

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GARRISON BELIEFS.

DEPARTURE FROM SINGAPORE DUE NEXT WEEK.

It is notified in the Orders issued by the Major-General Commanding the troops South China, that the H. T. Sicilia left Singapore 8 a.m. 4th instant and may be expected here on loth instant, with the undermentioned details :-

ROYAL GARRISON ARTILLERY.

Major D. F. H. Logan and wife, Captain K. D. Hutchinson, wife and 2 children, Captain V L. Beer, wife and 2 children, Lieut. R. H. Fitzroy, and Lieut. A. W. Chapman, and Lieut. F.W. Thicknesse.

246 N. C. O.'s and men, 26 women, 46 ROYAL ENGINEERS.

Lieut, B. H. Coke and wife, Lieut, E. Woodhouse, and Lieut. C. R. Shannon, and Lieut. C. R. Rivers-Moore, wife and 2 children of Captain Walker.

74 W. O.'s, N. C. O.'s and men, 3 women and a children.

3RD MIDDLESEX REGIMENT. 154 N. C. O.'s and men, 2 women, 2 children, ARMY SERVICE CORPS. .

Major H. F. T. Fisher and wife. II N. C. O.'s and men, I woman and I child. ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Colonel H. Martin, Major . S. Macdonald, Lieut. and Qr. Mr. T. Glennon, wife and daughter. Lieut. G. A. Benson, Miss A. Sharrock (nursing staff). 24 N. C. O.'s, 2 women, 5 children.

ARMY ORD, DEPT. AND CORPS. Lieutenant-Colonel W. Lambert, wife and

daughter, Captain J. A. S. Murray, wife and children. Captain A. Barker and 5 children Captain O. Brown, wife and,4 children. I foreman, 17 N. C. U.'s and men, 6 women,

ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT AND CORPS. Major A. B. Lander, and Class Asst. Account

tant S. P. Warbrook. 3 N. C. O.'s and men, 2 women, 1 child, CHAPLAIN'S DEPARTMENT.-Rev. A. D.

Ennis and wife. ARMY SCHOOLS .- Schoolmistress Miss B.

C. Myles. MISCELLANGOUS -Convalescents from Sin-

No No. O.'s or men, except those on duty, will be allowed aboard without a pass signed by the D. A. A. and Q. M. G.

The P.M.O. will detail a Medical Officer to proceed on board in accordance with para 1624, King's Regulations.

The following will be the order of disembarkation on 10th instant :-

(a.) Convalescents from Singapore. (b.) Details Middlesex Regt, with light bag-

(c.) Details R.E. with light baggage. (d.) Details A.S.C., R.A.M.C., A.O.C., A.P.O.,

with light baggage.

(e.) Families. (f.) Details R.G.A.

(g.) Invalids. Under arrangements made by P. M. O. Lighters and coolies for heavy baggage to be alongside immediately on vessels

Transport arrangements will be made to dis tribute baggage to Units from A.S.C. Pier. A Fatigue Party from R.G.A., R.E. and and Middlesex Regiment, consisting of N.C.O.

and 6 men of each unit, will be detailed to parade at A. S. C. Pier on ship's arrival to sort baggage, and a representative from each Corps and Department will attend to assist.

issue the necessary tents for the accommodation of Troops arriving by H.T. Sicilia.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER RESERVE ASSOCIATION.

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12 Members shot and there were 12 entries.

Pools were won by Members as follows :-and & 3rd Nov., Capt. B. Branch ... 47+16 63. gth and soth Nov., R. Baker 67 + 2 69. 23rd and 24th Nov., J. O. Gow 69 scr., 69. 30.11,07 and 1,12/07. J. C. Gow ... 9 hite.

In the Supreme Court, at Singapore, on 25th Chinese method of taking the oath by cutting conclusion that they would become a recognised off a cock's head, occurred. Mr. Lowell appeared for a Chinese plaintiff who consented that | Scotch Masons of the Colony are to be con-(represented by Mr. Gaunt) would swear in the ducted. It was an ideal evening from a dancer's seconds and at different places along a front of customary fashion by cutting off the cock's point of view, and those who attend these say 90 yds, head, that he had not had the money sued for. | popular assemblies are keen devotees of He agreed but later on refused, and challenged | the Terpsichotean art. As usual the Machplaintiff to prove his contention in the same | ado String Band discoursed sweet music way. And this he promptly did. Upon this it throughout a very varied programme, especially, should be ready to fire in any such practical was agreed by the defendant that the plaintiff. was the music appreciated during the waltres. [as apposed to firing at fixed match targets.] should get judgment. This strange reversal of The duties of M.C. were vested in the capable with builty eye etc.) matches, as long as we positions was mentioned to Mr. Justice Fisher hands of Bros. Harvey and Sibbit, who, assisted yesterday, and he allowed the matter to stand by the energetic secretary, Bro. J. J. Blake, over for the settlement to be confirmed. There seems to be something in this peculiar method of swearing over the unfortunate domestic bird's severed bead, as much perhaps as that other way we are better acquainted with sading with ferry conveyed the residents from Kowloon the impressive "S'welp me!"

M. CHAS. HARBOUIN IN CANTON.

ENTERTAINED BY THE PRENCH COMMUNITY.

On Wednesday, the 4th inst, at noon, the French Community of Shameen, Canton, was in vited on board s.s. Charles Harriouln to most Mons. Charles Hardouin, Consul-General for France on an inspecting mission; in whose honour a uncheon was given. Covers were laid for fifty guests. Mr. Pasquet, in his double capacity as the oldest French, resident in Canton and as agent of the Compagnie Francaise des Indeset de L'Extreme Orient, to whom the French Line of Canton steamers belongs, tonsted Mons. Hardouin, recalling the days when the Consul General was at the Consulate with them and said the community had always happy recollection of his stay in Canton The speaker alluded to Mr. Hardouin's ycoman service in these regions before his appointment to Tonkin and welcomed him to Canton again

even though for a brief stay in their midst. He spoke in high terms of the guest of the day whose career of usefulness as diplomat was destined to attain to the highest degree of eminence in the service of France. Mr. Pasquet also spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered in his capacity as Consul by Mr. Veroudart who has been a worth successor to Mr. Hardouin, The Consul-General returned thanks in terms full of emotion and wished all success to the new Messageries Cantonaises which has before it an era of prosperity which it had not known before.

BEGGARS.

It is commonly thought, even by people who ave lived there, that beggars in the East take a far more decided and prominent place in the daily life of complex communities than they do in the West. But one has to confess on deeper thought that the latter adjective is not quite so applicable in regard to number as one at first blush is inclined to consider, of There is of course no question that itinerant beggars of the East are a far better organised and cloverer community than are those of the West, but whether they are vastly superior in numbers at least in places such as Singapore and possibly in many of the more Europeanized towns of India and elsewhere, is open to some question. At home the beggar is generally fegarded as a beggar from real want, in the East Europeans are apt to put him on quite another plane and say that he adopts the profession not from want but as a definite and successful calling. Yet one has only to read the police court cases, at home to have the which must be productive of a corresponding delusion shattered, for in many instances the extension of business relationship, between the amount of money found concealed amongst residents of the two ports, adding immeasurably the rags and tatters would make up a dail to the pleasures and interest of foreign life is carning which many hard working labouters would be proud to claim. . The times when beggars have been found in the possession of silver are not a few, and of gold occasional, and in this respect the home gentleman has an advantage over his eastern brother in that the lowest unit of coinage generally bestowed is worth more than it is here. In China the beggars, as every other section of that intricate piece machinery, the Chinese nation, have brought their profession to a really high pitch of excellence and organization. For their own part they have such power that the shopkeeper, who does not give, stands a very fine chance of having his trade so impeded by passive opposition, asto inducehim very shortly to buy off the too persistent attentions of the bowl hearer. But above and beyond that the beggars form amongst themselves a very fairly organise I detective and information agency, of which neither the police por the criminals are too proud to avail themselves. Even in the Straits the latter make use of the itinerant wanderer often to good effect, and a beggar lounging round your back premises is often a very danger signal which you will do well not to disregard. The Chinese beggars differ somewhat from their western brethern inasmuch as they inconvenience themselves in order to elicit sympathy, whilst The Chief Ordnance Officer is authorized to in most cases the European attempts to inconvenience someone else. Thus your eastern disciple of the art will produce upon his own body soies and deceptions which make the newcomer shudder with sympathetic loathing. True on examination the sores, displayed with engaging frankness and pardonable pride, too often are found to be deceptions, but then who is going to stop in the middle of the street and lift the loathly plasters and filthy rays to see if things are what they really seem. When this is done, however, the result is generally another testimony to the case with which humanity can play on credulity. Of course there are cases where the injuries are genuine, witness the Chinaman who probably never had a better stroke of luck financially than when he met the Malay pirates somewhere amongst the islands round Singa-'pore and suffered reft of his arms, and now is a respected landmark of Rafiles Square. Around the beggar who does not descend to disgust in order to excite generosity, there grows aftera timean air of prosperity and respectability which in itself is sufficient guarantee of genuineness and almost invites consideration without any appeal to alms. Against the gentlemen here who occasionally really bear the afflictions of Lazarus, there are at home those who are too careful of their own feelings to ape this variation of the art, and instead carry round with them children, whose tiny red noses, dirty faces and bitter crying-stimulated by well judged pinches draw alms in satisfactory stream from the purses of the ladies especially. Against the gentleman who paints on his sores, we have in the west the expert who can so double up a leg as to appear to have lost that valuable member, or who, by the aid of soap and a facility for contortion, can, when the policeman is round the next corner, gain much sympathy, advice and current coin at the hands of a broad-minded and

often generous crowd. Taking them all io all one is inclined to think that whilst the eastern men of the trade are more numerous and better organised as a definite section of the body politic, the difference in numbers, skill, persistence and success, is not so marked as our somewhat hypocritical bent of mind would lead most of us

westerners to imagine. -MAYO in Singapore Free Press.

THE second of the Scottish Masonic Dances was held last Wednesday evening at the City Hall, at amail oval targets 8 inches x 6 inches placed and there was present a big muster of subscri- on sticks I ft. above the mound; the direct bers and guests. From the way these dances ult, a rather amusing case concerning the usual | were appreciated last season it was a foregone | institution during the winter months, and the gratulated on the able manner they are conworked atrennous y for the enjoyment of all "auchtermuchty" were under the experienced homeward at the conclusion of the dances.

ARRIVAL OF BELGIAN LEGATION GUARD.

EN ROUTE FOR PEKING.

A small company of Belgian soldiers, who are to relieve the present guard of the Belgian Legation at Peking, arrived last Thursday mornng by the German mail s.s. Porck. Before their departure from home Lieutenaut Lambert, who is in command, was entertained at a farewell banquet in the Jardin Zoologique by his colleagues, the officers of the Second Guides, and after the company arrived on board the vessel a representative of the Minister of War bade them farewell, as also a delegation from the regiment of Carabineers. The new goard ans of the Belgian Legation, says a Belgnin contemporary, will make a good appearance in China; they belong half to Flanders and half to Wallonia.

INTERPORT COMPETITIONS.

A project is under the joint consideration of the authorities of Manila and of Singapore, to send a British Military team from the latter Colony to Manila to compete against a team of American shots during the carnival week, The interport sports idea in the Far East evidently becoming popular among the communities concerned, and we rejoice to think should do so. The excellent relations so happily subsisting between Hongkong and Shanghal is largely due-there can be question about it-to the spitit of friendly rivalry-fostered now through a long term of years-that has been developed between the two ports by such contests as the interport match which was decided a week or ten days ago on the Hongkong cricket ground, and, in minor degree, by the interport rifle contests which have now become annual and in which Singapore generally, and one other of the Straits Settlements occasionally, participate. But the rifle matches are simply " not in it with the interport cricket matches, in which the selected champions from one port visi and are entertained by their rivals at the other port for a week or so, as a means of developing the sentiment of mutual regard and esteem Shanghai and Hongkong bave unquestionably derived immense benefit from the hold ing of these functions. They have become in a very real sense friends and allies of each other, and neither cala sity nor good fortune can ever befall the one without producing. sympathetic thrill of sorrow or rejoicing in th public mind of the other. All this involves an locrease in the number of private friendships,

prosperity of the places participating in th intimacy, in an eminent degree. On this account every resident in the F East ought to hail the friendly advances which Manila and Singapore are making to one another in the matter of rifle shooting and pray for their successful termination. The news that they have taken place is all the more welcome by reason of the intelligence by which it is supplemented in the Southern paper namely, that there is a possibility of a crack: Australian team being sent to Manila, and also British teams drawn from certain British regiments quartered in India and from one more Indian corps. Hongkong is also mentioned in the same connection. How about Shanghai? Would it not be possible to have the Model Settlement represented by a team

the Far East and promoting the materia

of " cracks " from the S: V. C.? They would certainly give a good account of themselves, and we heartily commend the suggestion to the consideration of the senior and the more enthusiastic officers of the Corps. it be too late now to think of participating this year, arrangements might be made for a similar contest, with a chance for Shanghai, and possibly Tientsin, to look in, next year. It would be a pity if the southern ports were to have the pleasure of such an event all to themselves, and we should be glad indeed, to hear that the proper people had taken up the idea and were arranging a rifle meeting at some convenient port-Macao, let us say, which is one of the most delightful places in this quarter of the world, and would be sure to derive a great deal of benefit from such an arrangement-in which representative rifle-shots from every place where there are foreign riflemen-American, Portuguese, British, Japanese-could assemble together and see which were the best marksmen at a target That the idea of a Manila-Singapore-Hong-

confidently inferred from the following letter which was written recently on the subject by Major Parker of the Hongkong garrison to Ciptain Langhorne, U.S.A., Manila:-I hope very much that it will be possible to arrange some rifle matches and certainly agree with you that simultaneous matches are valueless as being fired most probably under such

kong contest is likely to be realised, may be

" I give you below the dimensions of targets in general use amongst us for match firing 800 yds, to 1,100 yds, Bull's eye, 36 inches: inner, 54 inches : magpie, 72 inches : outer, re-

different circumstances at the different localities.

mainder of 10 ft. x 6 ft. target. 500 and 600 yds; Bull's eye, 20 inches: inner, 32 inches : magpie, 48 inches : outer remainder of 6 ft; sq. target.

invisible to the firer.

hit shown by a spotting disc placed in the at about half that sum.

"A very good competition that we had on one occasion was as follows: teams of 20 men. unlimited number of rounds, time allowed minutes. 1st stage :- To falling iron plates, I ft. square at 600 yds. All to be knocked over before team can proceed to and stage. 2nd stage (to commence immediately on completing 1st competitions as -vanishing target competitions, target to represent a man's head and shoulders only. Teams of 5 or 6 men. Disseconds only at intervals varying from 5 to 10

"It is usual also to make a strict condition about use of cover and unnecessary exposure of the head and body in such, competitions. We and mounted. Many matives and others were vance. And of course in such competitions we try to make the conditions resemble those of present, whilst the comforts of the ministers active service as lar as possible. I have mentioned the two shove just to show you the sort supervision of Wor. Bro. A. W. Hill. A late of lines that we go upon. As long as a target. is reasonably visible a man should be able to hit it."-Shanghat Times.

THE DE BONDY CASE. ARREST OF FRENCH CONSUL'S SONS

The Singapore Free Press of aged pit says: Mr. Chief Justice-Law gave judgment in this case yesterday, and awarded the plaintiffi \$500 each damages for false imprisonment out dismissed the claim for malicious prosecuion, no malice being proved, and for assaul on Raphael De Bondy as being too trivial for damages. Costs to follow the events in whi each party succeeded.

In his judgment the learned Chief Justice recited the facts of the case. The two plaintiffs, who are 14 and 12 respectively, their tutor, went out rowing in a small early in the morning and when they nearly opposite the defendant's house, pulled inshere and landed to get a rest, it said. The plaintiffs came across pieces of rusty chain considerably embedd ed in the sand. These were above ordinary high water mark and formed part of defendant! land. The plaintiffs said (and the learned judge believed them) they thought the pieces of chain had been abandoned, and but them their boat. If the boy's tutor had considered the matter he might have felt some doubt to whether these chains had really been doned, but he believed the plaintiffs acting quite innocently in good faith, without the slightest intention of committing theft, and he held that no theft was committed.

GENERAL ABUSE. After summarising the evidence of what took place between the plaintiffs, the defendant and his kebuns, he had little doubt that the defendant did call the plaintiffs "pigs" and "thieves,

but no indecent words. " If the boys and their tutor had simply put back the chains where they found them when the defendant came on the scene. I think the matter would probably have ended there, but think it appears that they were perhaps natural ly, under the circumstances, angry at the way they had been spoken to, and also that they feit a little doubtful as to whether the defendant really was the owner of the chains. Any way appears that what the plaintiffs did when the defendant claimed the chains was to tell him that he could take them (the chains being in the plaintiffs' boat) if he wished. I think though they deny it, that the boys did call the defendant a pig; he says they did and I think it is very probable that they would abuse him when he began as I think he did abusing

The defendant did cause the plaintiffs and their tutor to be arrested, by his own servants in the first place, and sent for the police. The police did arrest the plaintiffs and they were made to walk barefoot without breakfast first

to Biglap Station and then towards Rochore. Had the defendant considered the matter he would have come to the opinion that it was not a case of theft at all. No theft had been committed, the defendant had caused the

plaintiffs to be arrested and he must be LIABLE FOR SOME DAMAGES.

The claim for damages for malicious prosecution without reasonable and probable cause could not be substantiated. The defendant did not projecute although he went before the magistrate, and his counsel said he wished to withdraw the charge. He did not lay an information, but gave an account of what had occurred no doubt with some inaccuracies which did not however, prove malice, His lordship referred to cases as to what

constituted malicious prosecution, but held that the claim for damages for malicious prosecution must fail.

In assessing the damages for false imprisonment the learned judge considered the circumstances attending the false imprisonment. Hecame to the conclusion that the plaintiffs in each case should be awarded

\$500 DAMAGES FOR FALSE IMPRISONMENT. The judgment concluded :-" For fear of a misunderstanding I desire to say in this connection that in the remarks I have made when dealing with the question of malicious prosecution, I have no intention of expressing any opinion about the action of the magistrate, or

of finding fault with him in any way. Mr. Everitt for the defendant; Mr. Nauson for the plaintiffs.

> BLAZE IN THE CENTRAL DISTRICT.

> > GODOWN ON FIRE.

At about two o'clock this morning (4th inst.) fire broke out in the ground floor of No. 298 Des Vœux Road Central. The blaze lasted for over anhour before it was suppressed. There are three storeys to the house. The ground floor was used by the Tai Hop Chan Company as a godown, and the two upper floors as family dwellings. As far as is known at present the fire was discovered by the godownman, who gave the alarm. By the time the firemen, who were under charge of Chief Inspector Baker. had completed their arrangements and were ready to begin work the flames had wended their way up the staircase and into the first floor. Owing to the nature of the goods stored in the godown the fire roared fiercely and some apprehension was felt for the safety of the adjoining houses. This anxiety 200 and 300 yds: Bull's eye, 5 inches: inner, soon evaporated, however, for in the next few 12 inches; magpio, 24 inches; outer, remainder | minutes the firemen had control of the flames, of 4 ft. sq. target, N. B .- In this target both | which were soon afterwards extinguished. The bull's eye and inner are shown as one black | origin of the fire is believed to be the upsetting circle, the inner being defined by a slight line of a kerosene oil lamp og a parcel of goods, The first and second floors, which were not Usual scoring is; bull's eye-5 points, inher 4 | covered by insurance, were mostly damaged points, magpie 3 points, outer a points. Tar- by water and smoke. The ground floor was gets are made with wooden frames and the insured for \$3,000 with the Patriotic Assurance body of it of paper, and the position of each | Company, and the damage done is estimated

> JIGRESS SHOT IN SINGAPORE PLUCKY CHINESE GARDENER.

A full grown tigress was shot in Singapore on Saturday, reports, the Free Press of 25th ult. stage and all comers within the time limit), About six o'clock in the morning, a large double 500 yds, to a 500 yds, range and spend. tigress suddenly appeared near a Chinese planthe remainder of the time allowance in fring | ters house at the 21 mile Bukit Timah-rd and seized one of the dogs. The animal then proceeded to walk away with the dog. The planter hits (not riccochets) only to count. Then such, followed the tigress and shot her through the heart, dropping her with one bullet. The carcase was brought into town in a bullock-cart and was taken to the central police station. tance, say, 300 yds, target exposed for 3 The plucky Chinaman claimed the Government reward of \$25.

There was much excitement among the natives in town when the body arrived. The carcase was purchased by Inspector Conner of the police for \$40. He intends having it skinned anxious to purchase some of the fiesh as

is It is believed that the tigress male is in the vicinity of Bukit Timabilile is some years since a tiger was shot in Singapore.

WHITE WARRING BRIGADE" IS CORRECT in lime washing the walls and goof of Central Market. The condition of the building sadly needed the application of the brush,

THE CANTON DISASTER. FULL PARTICULARS.

[From a Correspondent.]

Shameen, 4th December. The manager of the Choy Chun Loon restaurant, Wong Lo Tong by name, bought a large fresh-water tuntle weighing about 20 catties on Sunday, 1st inst. A subscription of 80 cents per head was raised among his friends numbering about two dozen, and a dinner was prepared with the relished turtle. For their entertainment one of his guests, a returned emigrant from San Francisco; brought with him a cinemajograph show. A marriage dinner party was being entertained in another portion of the resigurant at hall a dazon separate tables (8 to 110 persons usually sit at one table in Chinese dinners). The cinematograph display commenced about B p.m. and spectators rushed in from the neighbouring shops and residences to the number of about 200. So the place became crowded with over 300 persons, male and famale, old and young, together with the guests already in the rooms. The front part of the house suddenly collapsed not quite after the first show. Kerosene lamps broke and ignited which with the electric sparks from the machine gave the aspect of a fire. Gongs were sounded by many of the neighbours. Luckily assist ance was at hand and the spread of the conflagration was timely averted. Officers and policemen came from the 6th police station They quickly commenced to remove dead bodies and injured persons from the debris. While this was going on, the inner part of the house came down with a crash. The police officers had a narrow escape while several of their men were slightly hurt. The newswastelephoned to all quarters and soon afterwards doctors came with medicine cases from the Fong Pin and Oi Kwan Hospitals for the relief of the sufferers. Men from all the police stations li the Western suburb and from the Charitable Institutions successively arrived. Mr. Yao, the

Superintendent of Police, and Mr. Cheng, the Nambol Magistrate, also came and directed the energetic work of assistance. Mr. Yao instantly ordered the directors of the Fong Pin Hospital to post a reward of \$10 for every life saved." The work proceeded throughout the night. The next morning, an inquiry was made by the prefect of Kwang Chow and the magistrates of Namboi and Punyu who, with Weiyuan Wong Shiu-sik, from the Shan Hou chu, Mr. Yao and other officials met at the Fong Ping Hospital to witness the registra tion of all injured and dead persons brought in and photographs were taken of the dead bodies, An inspection of the site was also made by the prefect and magistrates the same morning After this, they went into the Kam Fah Temp to have a short rest. Orders were then given to engage 20 bricklayers and scaffolding builders at \$1 a day to put up a matshed pulling down the remaining walls and shoring up others to avoid further calamity. Th manager, Wong Lo Tong, though seriously hurt, escaped with his life. H.E. Vicero Chang has ordered a sum of Tis, 2,050 to be given to the Fong Pin Hospital from the Government Treasury through M Yao to defray the the expenses in connection with the catastrophe. The number of persons seriously injured is 36 while 43 dead bodies

were found up to yesterday morning. The 8 members of the family surnamed So. living in premises adjoining the restaurant, all went and 4 of them were injured, the others

being killed. ANTI-OPIUM INHXACTITUDE.

It is a remarkable circumstance that holders of strong views on any one subject, generally ultimo, \$213.40 ; 20th ultimo, \$209.38; 21st allow their judgments to be warped, so as to exclude the consideration of surrounding facts, which might militate against the accuracy of ultimo, \$229.39. Total \$2,340.00. their preconceived notions. Dr. Connolly, of lpoh, who is an earnest and enthusiastic Auti-Opiumist, has in his zeal for promoting his cause, been led to lay a statement before the Under Secretary of State for the Colonier, replete with grave inaccuracies and erroneous inferences, observes the Perak Pioneer, which devotes a leading article criticising the misleading assertions. Our Straits contemporary continues: " Dr. Connolly premises his principal suggestions by reiterating the totally misleading assertion that Penang and Singapore are free ports and opium is, therefore, imported without paying duty. On the other hand the import of oplum into the Colony by anyone but the Farmer is totally prohibited: | lected and admitted for a course of training in The very large sum paid by the Farmer annually for the exclusive privileges of vending opium represents actually the duty that would have accrued to Government had it decided on levying the same direct. Dr. Connolly observes that it is of course to the interest of the Opium Farm that as much opium as possible shall be consumed in the Straits Settlements. As it is unquestionable that the Farmer has no nower or means of forcing anybody to consume opium, the only source open to him to increase his sales, is by checking, and if possible stamping, out the consumption of cheap illicit opium, enormous quantities of which are being smuggled into the country despite the unceasing vigilance of an army of ubiqui tous chintings Even from the Anti-Opiumist standpoint, the operations of the Farmer are conducive to good, inasmuch as they con stitute the principal barrier against the entry of contraband opium and its widespread consumption. Referring to the F. M. S. Dr. Copnolly remarks that they are practically free trade countries, they levy small import duties on spirits and a moderate one on opium. It is apparent that Dr. Connolly has some peculiar view as to what constitutes a moderate incidence of taxation, On the foce of this statement, the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies might have been led to believe that opium is a lightly taxed commodity which freely enters the F. M. S. where it is retaited chesp. Dr. Connolly ought to have been aware that except in Pahang, a fixed duty of \$500 per chest le levied on opium representing more than 70 per cent of its local

market value. If this rate is to be regarded as moderate it will be difficult to indicate what is a heavy duty. But the most fallacious among Dr. Connolly's assumptions, in hi endeayour to demonstrate that the F. M. S. Government can well dispense with its opium the proposed undertaking. The Bureau lias revenue, is embodied in the following sweeping | passed the matter, on to the Canton General and misleading remarks-The general revenue is raised by means of

an export duty on tin; which has been sufficient to pay the entire cost of administration in the Federated Malay States, to construct roads and rajiways, and to form a large surplus as a

acquainted with the country and its resources, should have asserted that the export duty on pext Chinese year. tin sufficed by itself to effect all the above wooderful achievements. The total revenue derived from tin last year was a little over ping million dollars, out of an aggregate revenue of 27 millions, the expenditure for the year being upwards of it million dollars. Thus it will be seen that in the record year, the almost extent. The local authorities have 1906; the tig duly yielded one-third; of the gross receipts and covered ball the joint expenditure, The total revenues realised from lin during the pest decade Aid pot much say cood the extragate of the capital outley on applied to the enthorities for permission te

railway construction, and roads during the same period. It is, therefore, but a mere hyperbolic exaggeration to say that the surpluses were built up and the entire cost of administration met from this single source o revenue, over and above that of construction o railways and public works."

> CANTON DAY BY DAY GUNBOAT FOR CANTON.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Canton, and December. in compliance with the request of H.R. the Viceroy, a gunboat, the Twag Chai, will be detached from the Pelyang squadron and com missioned for patrolling purposes near Canton.

WEST RIVER PATROL An instructor of the Shang Chi College per titloned H.E. the Viceroy requesting him to stand firm in the protest against the proposal of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Walwood) to place the control of the pairol of the waterways of the West River in the hands of forpigners. In reply, H.E. the Vicercy has explained the situation to the petitioner that it is China's exclusive right to control the patrol of the West River as well as all affairs in connection with her internal government, and it will by no means be placed under the control of out siders. H.E. also stated that he has devised means to uphold that right and the petitioner need not be in fear, and should not stir up the minds of the people

A SAD CATABTROPHE

A native restaurant known as the Choy Chun

Restaurant situated in Yik Hong, off Tai Chat Po, in the western suburb, was yesterday engaged by a man to entertain his friends at a dinner on the occasion of the marriage of his son. The building was overcrowded will guests and others to the number of some three hundred, and much excitement prevailed at a cinematograph entertainment which was also given on the occasion. At about 8.30 last evening, whilst the dinner and the display were in progress owing to the excessive number of the inmates on the top floor, one of the walls of the building all of a sudden collapsed burying a number of persons among the debris. Assistance was at hand and a fow

persons were at once extricated from the ruins cither seriously injured or killed. But, after a few minutes, another portion of the building collapsed and buried over a hundred persons. At this juncture some of the kerosene lamps, which were still alight, were broken, and ignited. Seeing the smoke and flames the fire brigades at once proceeded to the scene and rendered every assistance and succeeded in getting the fire under control, but no sooner had this been done than the whole of the remaining portions of the building collapsed and this time wounding or killing many more persons." Men from the Canton Fong Pin Hospital and other institutions arrived afterwards on the scene and up to early this morning a few bodies have been recovered from the ruins and about thirty others, who were wounded more or less, It is expected that there are still over a hundred persons under the debris. The Police Authorities have offered a reward of \$10 for each unfortunate victim recovered from the wreckage either dead or alive. Excellent aid was rendered by the officials of the Canton Fong Pin

their timely and energetic assistance. RAILWAY RECEIPTS.

Hospital and no praise could be sufficient for

The amount of fares collected on passengers travelling on the Wongsha-Kongtsun section of the Canton-Hankow Railway for the 10 days from the 10th day of the present moon to the 20th day were as follows :- 16th inst; \$253.55: 17th instant \$227.65: 18th ultimo, \$212.71;19th ultimo, 260.38[)22nd pltimo, \$251,221 23rd; Le ultimo, \$236.83; 24th ultimo, \$246.09; 25th

WIRELESS TELEGRAPH APPARATUS. The second lot of wireless telegraphy instruments imported by the Canton authorities has arrived and H.R. the Viceroy has instructed Commodore Liu to proceed to Whampon to

examine the new instruments. 3rd December. PRISON INDUSTRIAL LABOUR.

Work was commenced yesterday with the building of an industrial institution at Wo Yun. Lan near the Northern Gate of the city, for the accommodation of the prisoners of the Namhoi and Punyu Magistracies. On its completion, three hundred and sixty prisoners will be sevarious industries.

THE RESTAURANT COLLAPSE.

In continuation of my report of yesterday of the accident in which a restaurant collapsed in the western suburb, it is now learnt that, up to last evening, thirty-one persons, males and females, have been recovered from the debris. alive and forty-eight dead, besides many others more or less seriously injured, The remains of the ruined building have not yet been pulled down and it is expected that the list of casualities will be further augmented? Additional

ALLEGED AMERICAN INTERPERENCE.

A Peking telegram states that H.E. the Viceroy of Kwangtung bas wired to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, complaining that some Americans are at present interfering with the internal affairs in the province of Kwangtung, and requested the Ministry to make representations to the Minister for the United States of America at Peking on the subject.

STRAM L'UNCH OWNERS. The Steam Launch Owners' Guild whose headquarters are at Honam, has balled a meeting to take place to morrow at its beadquarters. to discuss surdiry questions in connection with the plying of steam launches on the waterways of the province.

BIR CHEMTUNG. Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, the rewlyappointed president of the Canton, Hankow Railway Company will, on the 5th inst. assume

charge of office. PROPOSED GASWORKS.

Ho Shing an has again petitioned the Centon Bureau of Agriculture, Industry and Commerce requesting permission for the floating of a company to start a Gesworks in the city, stating that there is no dauger whatever attending Chamber of Commerce to report killy

4th December. REPORTED RETIREMENT OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER.

A Peking telegram states that, on the advice of H.E. Chang Chib Tung and H.E. Ynan Shi It is, to say the least, surprising that Dr. | Kal, Her Majesty the Empress Downger has Connolly, who is presumably thoroughly decided to retire from taking any active part in the Government from the first day of the

> BANDIT CHIEFS. It is carnt from Yumchow that the two notorious chiefs of the bandits in that prefecture are Woog Wo-shun and Chang Tak-blag. who have given trouble to the people there to end Scool of Chang

EXPLOSIVES FOR BAILWAY! The Canton-Hankow Rallway Combany Ha order from Hongkong a quantity of explosives and fuses for the use of the Company.

Owing to the frequent occurrence of piracy in the waterways of the delta, H.E. the Viceroy has made changes in the appointments of officers in the different guard boats. Recently two officers were dismissed.

PIKACY.

The newly-formed Self-Government League, in connection with the protest against the West River patrol service as proposed, has decided that the first step to be taken is to find means to unite the different villages in an endeavour to put down the number of bad characters, so that the League has now advertised for suggestions for the purpose to be sent in within a month's time.

5th.December. THE "BAINAM" PIRACY.

Peking telegram states that the British Minister at the Capital has communicated with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the effect that, if the compensations claimed are forthcoming by the Kwangtung Government, for the piracy of the s.s. Sainam and other steamers flying the British flag, which have been pirated on the waterways of the province from time to time, the British Government will abandon the 'proposal of sending gunboats, etc. to patrol the waterways of the West River.

TRANSFERS. H.E. the Viceroy has transferred the Thotal of the circuit of the prefectures of Shinking, Kwangchow and Loting, Choung Sik-fun, to Canton to attend to the duties of the Provincial Judge and to affairs in connection with the Canton Police Department and the patrolling of the province, which will henceforth be under the charge of the Judge. Taotai Cheung will leave Shlubing to day for Canton and will take over the duties of the Judge on the 7th instant, The Provincial Judge has taken over charge of the duties of the Provincial Examiner, who retires to go into morning.

MATERIAL FOR CEMENT. ...

Taotai I au. director of the Honam Government Cement Factory, has notified the Viceroy that he is leaving here with an engineer to examine the stones found in the district of Favcen at the Fai Shi Caves, which is reported to be suitable for the manufacture of coment.

· Owing to the frequent occurrence of piracy on the East River, the waterway leading to Waichow, many of the junks plying on that route have suspended running and the merchants of the city of Waichow have called a meeting, and a petition was drawn up praying the local officials as well as the High Authorities to devise means to properly patrol the waterways leading to that city.

LI CHUN'S RETURN.

The ex-Brigadier-General of Pakhoi, Chun, yesterday handed over charge of office. and will return immediately to Canton.

RIVER PATROL.

The Authorities have given orders to all the Government steam-launches and gunboats, etc., to at once proceed to the Government Dockyard at Whampoa to undergo a thorough examination with a view of placing many of them on the waterways of the province for patrolling purposes,

SALE OF S.S. "WING HANG."

BOUGHT BY CHINESE.

Acting under instructions from the mortgagees, Mr. Gen. P. Lammert put up for sale, by abblic auction, last Thursday afternoon, the British s.s. Wing Hang, as she lay off Mongkok, with all her machinery, gear and appurtenances, etc. The vessel, etc. was put up in one lot. Bidding was not very keen, and the vessel was knocked down to Chan Yuen for \$28,700. Messis, Rwens and Harston acted as solicitors of the vendor.

RAUB CRUSHING.

Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. inform us that they are in receipt of telegraphic advices from Singapore informing them that the crushing of the Raub Australian Gold Mining Co. Ltd., for the past period yielded, 1,102 ozs gold from 5,148 tons stone.

COMMERCIAL.

WBEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week, Messrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on 20th Nov.:--There has been a slight improvement. in the market during the week, and a fair business has been done. At the close a much firmer tone prevails.

Banks .- Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have again ruled steady during the week, and the old and new shares can be sold at quotations. Sales of the former are reported at \$660. The London rate has shown a marked improvement on last week's quotation, having risen to £76.

Marine Insurances,- Cantons are again on offer at \$:50, while North Chipas continue in favour at the increased rate of Tls. 89. Unions can be placed at \$760. Yanguszes are quiet at

report in stocks, under this heading. China Fires are firmer at \$88% with buyers,

Shipping -- Douglase's are in further request at \$38, without inducing sellers. Hongkong, Capton & Macao Steamboats have buyers at Sao, after sales. Indo Chinas, preferred and deferred, are unchhaged and without business. Shell Transports have been sold and are wanted at 41/-.

Refineries. - China Sugars are out of favour at \$100. There are buyers of Luzons at \$10. Perak Sugars have weakened to Tis. 80, but buyers prevail at the rate in the North. Mining. - Chinese Engineerings have im-

proved to Tla. 15.55 with buyers. A firmer tone prevails in Raubs which can be placed

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.-Geo. Fenwicks have further declined to Sta, at which, rate sales have been effected. Kowloon Whar- | cemedt at the rate of 80 cents per cask, steveves are obtainable at \$6¢. Whampon Docks | dorage free at both ends. Two similar charters have further inquiries at \$97%, but sellers are have been effected at Shanghai. Total shipnot forthcoming. Shanghai Docks can be ments said to have been 40,000 casks." placed in the North at the increased rate of . Prior to Newchwang baying become ice-Tis. 73. There are sellers of Hongkew Wharfs | bound, viz., on the 25th instant, no further at.Tls. 200.

continue to be in demand at \$100, but shares | fluctuated. are still unobtainable at the rate. Hongkong Lands can be obtained at \$15. Humphreys from Halphong to Canton, at \$1.65 per ton.

Tis. top. Cotton Mills Ewos continue to decline, and at the close are offering at Tis, 49. Other | steamer has been settled on lump sum basis, stocks under this heading are unchanged and . Sail Preights .- Nothing doing. without business.

very steady at \$101 closing firm at the rate. British bark Lawhill, 1,950 tons, arrived 28th China Light and Powers have been taken off August. the market at \$6. Dairy Farms are wanted at | Sail tonnage disongaged :- None. \$166 and Green Island Coments at Str. Hall

and Holts have buyers in the North at Str. Hongkong Electrice have been sold at \$15, and more shares are offering. China Providents, Peak Tramways, Watsons, and Wm. Powells are in request at quotations. Languate have shown a sharp rise, during the week, and at the close buyers prevail in the North at Tis 3535 Samuras are on offer at Tile, 114.

Exchange-The Bank's selling rate on London-is-2/-1-on-demand. The T/T rate on Bhanghas is 741. New Issues,-Kowloon Wharfs, 20,000

shares at \$50 per share, payable on 31st December, 1907. "Yingtee, insurances, 4,000 shares at \$40 prem. and \$60 paid up-\$100 per share, payable in Shaughai on the 30th November.

Dividends Payable .- Langkats Final Dividend of Tis. 71 per share and bonus of Tis. 2 per share payable on the 15th prox.

To-morrow being a public holiday we are issuing our circular a day earlier than usual. There has been more activity in our market during the week under review, and rates i most stocks have shown a slight improvement, in sympathy with the easier money market in

Europe and America. Banks,-Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled firm, closing with buyers at \$665 for the old and \$655 for the new shares, after numerous sales at the above mentioned rates.

The London quotation has risen to £78. Marine Insurances -North Chinas are firm at Tle. 89. Unions have been dealt in at \$780. Other stocks under this heading are unchanged

and without business to report. Fire Insurances.-China Fires bave inquiries at the increased rate of Sor, after sales at Soo. Hongkong Fires are firm at \$3221.

Shipping.—China & Manila can probably be secured at \$15. Douglases continue to be in favour at \$18, without inducing sellers. Hong- | granted leave of absence for ten months. kong. Canton & Macao Steamboats are firmer, and buyers have offered \$10. Indo-Chinas Preferred and Deferred are unchanged. Shel Transports can be sold at the advanced rate of 44/ .. London quotes 46/ .. Star Ferries oldand new are in demand at quotations.

Refineries. - China Sugars are quiet at the unchanged rate of Srco. Luzons and Perak Sugars are wanted at, \$10 and Tis, 80 repectively.

Mining .- Chinese Engineerings have ruled firmer during the week and can be sold at Tis 15.55. Raubs have slightly improved to \$8 after sales at \$81. From private telegraphic advices received from Singapore, we learn that the crushing for the past period yielded 1,102 ozs. gold from 5,148 tons stone.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns, Hongkong and Whampon Docks have been dealt in a \$97. Shanghai Docks have advanced to Th 75, while Hongkew. Wharfs have depreciated to Tis 197. Other-stocks under this heading

are unaltered. Lands, Hotels and Buildings.-Hongkong Lands have ruled steady at Soc. Hongkong Hotels continue in request at \$100. Humphreys are unchanged and can probably be sold at Stol. Kowloon Lands are offering at \$35.

There are buyers of Shanghai Lands at Tls. 100, Cotton Mills -- Ewon are still on offer a Tis. 49, while Hongkong Cottons are quiet and without business at \$10. Other Northern mills remain unchanged.

Miscellaneous,-China Borneos have again been sold ct'Stol and there are further buyers' at the rate. Dairy Farms are inquired for at \$16]. Sales have been effected of Green Island Cements at Ser. Peak Tramways, fully paid, have found buyers at \$13. Watsons have inquiries at \$10. There have been sales o Wm. Powells at \$5, and more shares are in-

Exchange. - The Bank's selling rate on London is 2/01 on demand. The T/T rate on Shanghai is 742. New ! Issues. - Kowloon . Wharls-20,000

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Dividends Payable.-Langkats-final divi dend of Tis. 71 per share and bonus of Tis. 21

per share payable on the 15th inst. FRAIGHT MARKET

Messrs. Lamke & Rogge report on 30th

November :-Last circular bore date the 15th instant, and during the period since clapsed shipping business generally has exhibited very little life indeed. At the close operations in most direction are at a deadlock, and it is to be feared that owners have to contend with dull times for at least a couple of months to come, radical recovery may not be looked for until the end of January or beginning of February, when, according to latest advices, the new Saigon grain will be available for export

Sugan reports have it that the season is closing with shipments up to now of 1,150,000 tons and the grand total for 1907 will in all probability reach 1,200,000 tons, which would mean a record quantity. Prospects for the next crop may also be termed satisfactory. Some time ago fears were entertained as to the result, but favourable weather conditions since lead to the belief that exports next year will hardly fall

short of 1,000,000 tons. As for actual business done since last writing: Saigon to Hongkong a spot steamer early during the fortnight obtained II cents per nitul. ff/ff cents has since been held out for a boat of about 30,000 piculs capacity without finding a taker, the rate being considered Fire Insurances.-There is no business to too poor altogether by owners who happened

to have suitable tonnage in position. For Saigon to Philippine requirements two vessels have been secured at 19 and 23 cents respectively, according to quantity of cargo,

There were certain requirements Saigonito Inva, but it would appear, extremely doubtfulthat they can be filled. Business in that direction will hardly suit owners at present on account of the difficulty of securing return

Some Japanese tonnage is réported to have been engaged from Saigon to Japan ports for loading during February and March next; details are withheld, but one report is that quantity is 10,000 tons and rate 23 sen. From Bangkok to this, chartering remains

as yet quite impracticable. Haiphong to Hankow an Indo-China Co.'s steamer has been engaged to carry a cargo of

fixtures have been effected. Yangtre trade is Lands, Hotels and Buildings. - Central dull at the moment, but a revival may set in at Stores are quiet; at \$14. Hongkong Hotels | any moment. Ra'es to the South have not

As for coal freights, business has been done Estates can probably be had at \$101. West \$2.00 has been paid to secure a vessel from Points are again out of favour at the unaltered Wakamatau for Foochow. Moji has been inrate of \$48. Shanghai Lands remain unchang- active partly owing to the high prices asked from Hongay in any direction,

To load timber at Rajang for Hongkong, a Sail tonnage loading or to load :- British Miscellaneous,-China Bornsos have ruled bark Helipse, 2,068 tons, arrived 24th August,

Departure of sailers :-- None.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE. London-Bank T.T. Germany-Hank T.T. Court, ro. Singapore T.T......16} % prem. Japan-Bank T.T. Jeva-Bank T.T. Buyler.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

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FISHING is prohibited within the Telegraph Cable Reserve.

THROUGH traffic on the Russian and Japanese sections of the Manchurian Railway was resumed from 1st inst.

His Excellency the Governor has proclaimed Friday, the 6th December, to be observed as a public holiday in the Colony.

to the Viceroy of the Min-che provinces for the reorganization of the Foochow Dockyard, OWNERS of property are reminded that Crown

Rent, for the second half-year of 1907, is payable at the Treasury on or before the 24th inst RIOTS continue to be rife in the provinces i

engaged in the work of suppression has been suggested. MR. P. P. J. Wodehouse, Assistant Superintendent of Police, has been appointed

member of the Roard of Examiners, with effect

from the 3rd instant. THE reckless courage of the modern American has never been questioned. A New Yorker, aged dineteen, has just married a widow of fifty-seven with eight children.

□.E. YU SHIH-MEI, who has been commanded to proceed to Germany to study the political conditions of that country, was expected to leave Peking on the 1st instant. ..

TENDERS will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until noon of Tuesday, the completing the New Law Courts.

A TELEGRAM from Peking announces that the Trade-mark Regulations which have been and Commerce, will be put into force soon.

kwang provinces, to proceed to Peking without was a fire and rushed to the scene.

ing in Chinese at three o'clock next Sunday afternoon at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. Mr. C. C.

IT is officially notified that the Time Ball will not be dropped from the oth instant until further notice, pending the removal of the apparatus from Kowloon Point to Blackhead's

SIR Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G. C.B., having | did nt. - Singapore Free Press. resigned the appointment. His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.SO. has been pleased to accept" the position of honorary Colonel of the Hongkoog Volunteer

AN Imperial Rescript has been issued through | Sergeant Murison in a house in Ko Shing Street the Council ordering the Ministry of Finance to subscribe funds for the construction of the Kwangsi Railway, in response to a memorial from H.E. Chang Ming-ch'i, Governor Kwangsi province,

ACCORDING to a Tokio despatch of Nov. 25, the captain and engineer of the torpedo-boat destroyer Muraseme, two engineers and one blue acket of the torpedo-boat destroyer Mikalsuit and one bluefacket of the torpedo-boat destroyer Shiratsuyu have contracted cholera,

A TELEGRAM from Mokden states that, consequence of the visit of the 'Taotai of Newchwang to Mukden, it has been decided by the Viceroyalty of Manchuria and the Peking Government that each should disburse Tls. 1.000,000 for the relief of the crisis at Newchwang. Viceroy list Shih-chang left Mukden the other day on a tour of inspection through the provinces of Kirin and Heilung-kiang.

IT will be remembered that the late Mr. C. L. Anderson, of Mersrs, Jardine, Matheson & Co., Yokohama, was supposed to have committed suicide by jumping in the sea from the N.Y.K. steamer Risjun-mary on the way from Yokohama to Kobe, leaving the northern port on September 10th this year. Under date of November 12th, Mr. Anderson, elder brother of the deceased, says the Japan Advertisor, is reported to have addressed a note to the Yokohama Police, stating that a reward of Yr,000 will be given to anyone giving information as to the whereabouts of the deceased (supposing that he is still alive), and a reward of Yroo is offered or the recovery of his remains.

mission will have excellent results the delication

SIR Francis Piggott, Chief Justice of Hong. EIGHTY-EIGHT poldiers, pudgathe command of kong, returned from his holiday last Sunday one officer, arrived from Germany last Thursby the steamer All More.

Owing to recent bereavement Lady Lugard's "At-Homes" at Mountain Lodge on Tuesdays will be cancelled until further notice.

India T.T. turned to the Magistracy last Monday morning. 19,777.83 tons.

Hitherto 800 persons have been arrested. THE Rartford Courant contains an editorial upon the recent case of Mr. Bethell, editor of the Korea Daily News, in which it describes

50h IT is stated that the Peking Government has 30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne 2.0 | sout a dispatch to H.E. Chang Ming-ch'i

THE China Critic learns that Major Nathan, Engineering and Mining Co., will leave for Europe at the beginning of the next year, for several months' stay at home, on business and pleasure combined. The Major will fully deserve his leave, having worked hard for the past three years in Tientsin, with at times not the best possible health,

LIEUTENANT J. S. Gubbay, H. K. V., has been A CANTON dispatch announces that a number of prominent merchants there have decided to start a Volunteer Corps in order to defend themselves in cases of emergency. regulations of the proposed Corps are to be similar to those of Shanghai. A joint petition. on the subject has been presented to Viceroy Chang Jen-chin of Canton, asking for his Excellency's patronage and support.-N. C. D. News.

A Toxio wire, of a8th ult., to the N. C. D THE Ministry of Finance has sent Tls. 600,000 News says :- M. Shipoff, formerly Russian Minister of Finance, and M. Poutiloff, chief director of the Russo-Chinese Bank, have arrived in Tokio to-day to establish trade relations with Japan and to settle outstanding railway questions in Manchuria. The warmest reception has been given to the two visitors. It is arranged that (they shall return home by way of Shanghai and Peking.

Korea, and an increase in the Japanese forces A SEVERE shock of earthquake was felt in Yokohama at 2.17 a.m. on November 22nd. had both horizontal and vertical motions. The origin was not far distant and seemed to be in Tokio Bay. Fortunately no special damage the Chekiang railway loan. was sustained in Yokohama, though clocks were generally stopped and flower vases on tables and mantelpieces in some houses on the Bluff fell, and other slight damage was sustained.

A SEAMAN belonging to the steamer Kwangse to be lost should the opium farm be abolished. was charged before Mr. F. A. Hazeland; last | Monday morning, at the Police Court, with farm. The official members opposed the mobehaving in a noisy and disorderly manner at the Victoria Ginematograph show on Sunday opposition rested on grounds of high morality. night and assaulting the proprietor, R. O. Leque. Accused, it was stated, attempted to enter the building without purchasing a ticket 17th December, for joinery, general fittings and | and on being stopped at the door he became riotous and struck the complainant. He was fined \$7:

BECAUSE the play at the Po Hing Theatre. drawn up by the Ministry of Agriculture, Works | Yau-ma-ti, ended too soon in their opinion last Sunday night, three men in the audience bombarded the stage with all kinds of missiles An Imperial rescript was issued through the that came handy. For a time there was great Grand. Council on the 28th ultimo ordering excitement in the building. A number of Tsen Ch'un-hauen, ex-Viceroy of the Liang- | policemen hearing the uproar believed there soon learnt the cause of the trouble and arrested the disorderly ones, who were fined MR. YEUNG SEUNG Po will speak at the meet- | \$5 each, by Mr. Gompetts, on Monday morn-

Rutledge will address the meeting in English | THE Opium Commission now sitting is working a great deal harder than most people are aware of. We hear of an occasional witness who come up for examination some evening at 8.30 p.m. being examined till as late as after I a.m. On Saturday a witness from the Native States was examined from 2,30 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. He had intended to catch the afternoon steamer to Port Swettenham, but, naturally,

> To-DAY 5th inst.) was another slack day at the police courts, business being at a complete standstill. The only case of any "importance" was the trial of thirteen gamblers, among whom were three women, who were arrested by Detective last night They plead d guilty and wer fined \$5 each. A number of alleged pick-pockets were arrested yesterday, but as the complainants were in one way or another connected with the procession, and consequently could not attend to-day, the cases were set aside,

A COOLIE, by name Wong Kam Sing, came be fore Mr. 11. H. J. Gompertz, last Monday morning, charged with being concerned in a case of house-breaking at Kowloon City on Thursday last. Wong and another, who is still wanted by the police, forced an entrance into a house in the Nga Lu Fau village, and stole twentyone pieces of cloth, valued at \$15; and \$1.30 in money. On leaving the house they were seen by-the-occupier and pursued, but they made good their escape. Wong was, however, recognised in a crowd at Yau-ma-ti on Sunday, His Worship sent him to gaol for six weeks and ordered him to be exposed in the stocks for six hours.

morning, for removing 2,000 rounds of ammunition from his shop, on Monday, withon Ka I Chau Island. The case was remanded. | case was remanded.

day on their way to German New Guinea.

WESSER THORUMUN STATES THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co., Ld. announces that the total output of the Company's three Mines, for the week ending November 16, 1907, amounted to 27,072.62 tons and the sales during the same period to

THE annual general meeting of the Hongkong Odd Volumes Society, which was convened for this afternoon (2nd inst.), have been postponed, and will be held at the fice of the Hon, Mr. H. E. Pollock, hon, sectatary, 18 Bank Buildings, on Monday, the 9th December, at 5.15 p.m.

NOTHING of any interest transpired in the Bankrup:cy Court this morning. Kwok Piu Chi's application for leave to issue was adjourned, as was also the business of Ki Cheong ex parts the Young Fong Bank. The nublic examination of J. C. Logan will take place on Thursday next.

. W. FARNE, a salesman, residing at 13 Queen's Road Central, obtained judgment in the Supreme Court, last Wednesday, In an action he brought against The Savoy, Limited. Plaintiff was at one time employed by the defendant firm, and claimed \$100, being two months' wages due to him by the defendants. The case was

AT the instance of Mr. H. C. Sandford, an accountant of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Mak Ling, a painter, was arraigned before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning (and inst.), in answer to a charge of s caling a tubful of paint from the first floor verandah of the Bank yesterday morning, Accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks.

PRDESTRIANS on Glenealy Road will no longer be annoyed by the individual who made a practice of exposing his sores in order to apply for alms. That person-Cheung Puiwas arrested last Saturday on charges of being a rogue and vagabond and exposing his wounds to public view. He was taken before Mr. H. He J. Gompertz, at the Police Court, on Monday morning, and sentenced to three weeks' hard labour and six hours' stocks.

A SHAOHSING wire of Nov. 25 to the A. C. D. News says:-It is rumoured that there is trouble at Hsinghsien and troops have been dispatched; but probably it is only a local affair, and hopes are entertained of a speedy settlement. All seems quiet here, but the According to the Yokohama Observatory, it native newspapers are endeavouring to influence the people to petition Sir John Jordan, British Minister at Poking, on the subject of

> AT a recent meeting of the Colonial Council of Cochin-China, at Saigon, one of the unofficial members raised the question as to what tax should be imposed to replace the revenue likely He proposed the establishment of a gambling tion and gained their point on a division. The

No Tsun, a coolie, residing at 3, Wo On Lane, who has been wanted by the police since the 11th ulto., was yesterday (3rd inst.); arrested in the Central district. Ng is wanted on a charge of assaulting a carpenter name Ng Wah, of 13, Wing Fung Street. To-day, he came before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, charged with the original offence. In addition he was also charged with failing to appear in answer to a summons signed by a Magistrate. He pleaded not guilty to both counts, and the case was adjourned.

REPORTS of burglaries are still reaching the nolice. Last Tuesday a coolie bouse in Elgin Road, Kowloon, was entered, but the "venture" did not prove a profitable one. When the premises were examined by the occupier the only article of value that was found to be missing was a silver watch and chain. These, however, were later found hidden at the back of the house, which goes to show that the robhers had placed them there to be removed later, but were disturbed during their work and compelled to leave empty-handed.

THE Pulo Lant Coal Mining Company, which operates in Dutch Borneo, has published its report for 1906. Coal of excellent quality is now drawn from deeper lying seams, and the mining work met with no difficulties. The output increases continually, and the demand for the coal grows steadily, both on the spot and in the market. During the year under report, 19,277 tons of coal were shipped to Singapore, and 30,463 tons to Hongkong. About too steamers took in coal during the year. These included 41 large sea-going vessels, of which 17 were British, 13 Dutch, seven Norawegin, three Danish, and one German.

ALLUDING to the death of the late Mrs. Taylor. in its issue of the 2nd inst., the N. C. D. News says:-It is with sincere regret that we have to announce the death from septic in ection of the brain yesterday morning of Mrs. Taylor, wife of Captain P. H. M. Taylor, A. D. C. to the Governor of Hongkong. Mrs. Taylor, who as Miss Hilda Brackenbury, passed through Shanghai with Sir Frederick and Lady Lugard in the last week in July on their way to Hongkong, was only married to Captain Taylor on October r. Her sad death will cast profound gloom over the whole Colony and especially over Government House; for she was a niece of Sir Frederick Lugard and his private secretary is her brother,

As the result of a complaint lodged at police headquarters some days ago, two Chinamen DETECTIVE Sergeant Grant protecuted Tam | were arrested last Monday on charges of buy. Wan, gun merchant of 259, Queen's Road | ing stolen goods. These were Chan On, a telly. Central, at the Police Court, last Tuesday man, residing at 32, Gilman Bazzar, and Yeung Hong, a shopkeeper, of 34, Elgin Street. The first accused was charged with receiving one. out a permit, and for neglecting to enter in case of Pathid O. whicky, valued at \$13, one his books the true particulars of his stock. case of port wine, valued at \$22,50, and two of ammunition. It appears that accused bottles of claret, valued at \$3.67, well knowing sold the ammunition to certain "sportsmen." the same to have been stolen, and the second in the Colony who had no authority to be defendant with receiving four bottles of whisky, in possession of guns. The ammunition was which he know had been stolen. Messrs purchased for the sole purpose of shooting the Blackhead and Company, from whom the goods alleged leopard let loose by a certain skipper had been stolen, were the complainans. The

THE 25th graduation ceremony of the Imperial A GAMBLING raid was executed by Inspector. A Tokto despatch of 27th ult. to the N. O. D. Naval College at Etajima was held on Wed- McHardy last Tuesday at No. 161, Station Street News says :- Owing to a bad cold the Emperor | nesday (20th ult.) morning at 10.30 o'clock, South, Yau-ma-ti, and twenty persons were ar. was double to receive Mr. Lemieux, the Cana- presided over by his Imperial Highness Prince rested eighteen of whom were women. As usual dian Minister of Labour and Special Commis- Hiyashi-Fushimi, on behalf of the Emperor. when the prisoners were taken to the station ed and can be disposed of in the North at by mine owners for their coal. Nothing doing scioner to Japan, but the Empress received him There were present a large number of distin- a large crowd assembled outside and several and entertained him and Mrs. Lemieux at guished officers and officials, smonget whom lattempts were made, by them to force an luncheon. The Minister of the Household also were seen Admiral Count Yamamoto and entrance into the charge room. Their efforts gave a luncheon, party to-day under imperial Admiral Baron Salto, Minister for the Navy. being unavailing the crowd jeered and hooted instructions in honour of Mr. Lemieux at the The students who have graduated this year and clapped their hands defiantly. Policeman Shibs detached palace. There will be a public | numb'r 171, all of whom have been appointed | Perkins put a stop to the disturbance by arrest. dinner on December 8. It is extremely impromidable midshipmen and are to embark on board the ing seven men. All the prisoners were arraigned that there will be any formal agreement cruisers Hashidate, Monutaime, and Idanly-ed at the Police Court, on Wadnesday. The for restriction of Japanese immigration in skime, which compose a training squadron. three ripglesders in the gambling case were Canada, but it is anticipated that Mr. Lemieux's Thase variety will start on a training orgine fined Iro each and the remainder 32 apiece. The disorderlies paid 57 per head

Shipping.

VESSELS IN PORT

STEAMERS. Aki Maru, Jap. a.s., 3,995, M. Yagi, 1st Dec.,

-Seattle via Japan and Shanghai 28th Nov., Flour and Gen.-N. Y. K. Asia, Br. s.s., 4,975, Harry Gaukroger, oth Dac .- San Francisco 8th Nov. Hoppluly 15th, Yokohama 28th, Kobe 29th, Nagasaki 1st Dec. and Shanghai 4th, Mails and Gen.-O. & O. S. S. Co. Dott, Nor. s.s., 629, J. Dunnanig, and Dec.,-

Bangkok 21st Nov., Gev.-Wallem & Co Drufar, Nor. s.s., 1,102, J. Bing, 5th Doc,-Bangkok 24th Nov., Gen.-N. Y. K. Empress of China, Br. s.s., 3,046, R. Archibald R.N.R., 10th Noy .. -- Vancouver, B.C., 20th Oct., and Shanghai tyth Nov., Mails and Gen. -- C. P. R. Co. enesk, Br. s.s., 2,274, J. Rafferey, 30th Nov.,

-Salina Cruz 16th Nov., Ballast .- C. M. Hakuto Maru, Jep. s.s., 2,426, K. Kaneda, 6th Dec.,—Moji 30th Nov., Gen.—M. B. K. Holstein, Ger. s.s., 985, A. Niejohr, 5th Dec.

-Haiphong and Hollow 4th Dec. Gon.-Kumsang, Br. s.s., 2,078, E. J. Buller, 3rd Dec.-Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 26th Nov., Gen.-J., M. & Co. Laertes, Br. s.s., 1;340; J. B. Jackson, 4th Dec.,
—Saigon 27th Nov., Rice and Meal.—Wo

Mandasan Maru, Jap. s.s., 4,541, P. Hallstrom, 26th Nov.,-Japan 21st Nov., Coal,-M. B. Mercedes, Br. s.s., 3, 00, J. S. McGregor, 21st. Sept.,-Weihniwei 16th Sept., Ballast.-

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Admiralty. Nam Sang, Br. s.s., 2,591, P. M. B. Lake. 2nd Dec. - Yokohama 20th Nov., Gen .- Ja M.

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Triumph, Ger. s.s., 679, J. Bendixen, 26th Nov.,-Nauru 11th Nov., Ballast .- J. & Victoria, Swed. s.s., 989, J. A. Hellberg, 4th Dec .- Pihalongan and Samarang 21st Nov., Sugar and Cotton.-Asgaard, Thore-

Woolwich, Br. s.s., 1,845, A. Stoker, 13th Nov., -Moji 8th Nov., Coal.-D. & Co., Ld. SAILING VESSEL.

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28th Aug., From New York, Case Oil,-1 S. O. Co.

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, December 5th, 1907, a.m. Dan Th Mar Wind W.

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Teim Sha. Teni for the information of masters of vessels leaving the port. They do not necessarily imply that had weather is expected	CABLE ADDRESS: - Telegraph, Hongkong.	Do (new)			€6	£12,735 ?	571,293	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903		551
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No. A.00MB Indicates a Typhoon	THE leading English Newspaper in China	Canton Instirance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	Sco	\$401,059 (£125,000)	BODS	Final of 7/6 per share making in all		
point nowards to the North of the Colony.		North China Insurunce Company, Limited	10,000	L15	£5"	Tis. 100,000 }	We will be a second of the sec	for 1906=Tis. 2.65		Tis. 89 sales
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to the Mart of the	Imerica.	Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited		\$250	\$ 50	\$7.000	\$565			515
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point down to the South-Rest	te reports of local occurrences, and 31 mate	Tongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ld	Care of	Sış	515	\$550,000 186,089	\$27,101	Sz for zet half-year ending 30.6.07		Sgo buyers
DRUM below	gra of Reports successes	(ado China Steam Navigation Co. Ld. (Preferred)	60,000	£5	Ls	{ (60,000 }	£3 694	5/- for 1906 @ ex-3/21 = \$2.24 per	hare 52 %	\$40 sellers
A CONE indicates a Typhoon		Character Toward Lighter Company, Limited	200,000}	Tie to	14	701	Tis. 13,327			Tis. 44 buyers Tis. 50 sales 44/- buyers
point down- wards Colony.	ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT.	Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited	2,000,000	£1 S10	Sio :	\$65,000	5147	Con and the second		
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wards and of the Colony.	1	t the roll and arithmetical	30,000	Tis. 50	Tls. 50	L. Triu Annon	18,730	Final of Tis. 2 making Tis, 6 for		
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, A BALL indicates a Typhoon	a rite surgest carry nonebales and	Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100 Tis, 50	\$100 Tis. 50	rone 11s, 100,000	Tis. 8,935	F3 for 1897	5 7	Tis. 80 buyers
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Landing to the state of the sta	r. Atamorius dispublicisi israpici sci disporti atte varionimes i	Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ld.	1,000,000	41	18/10	£84.39° £4.873	} L. 1155		the state of the state of	\$88
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and BALL of the Colony.	The type used as a standard for setting	DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS. Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited	18,000	525	· 125	164,124	\$10,33	\$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06	126	314
Red Stenats Indicate that the centre is	advertisaments is similar to this, unless we are			150	50	\$ \$50,000 \$23,152		Interim of \$2 for six months end		X 165
believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.	instructed to display the advertisement, when	Hongkong & Kowloon Wharl and Godown Co., Ld.	11 201000	550	\$50	\$100,000	\$ 5401.E8	\$4 for 1st half-year ending June	joth, 1907., 81	Tia ye
	This standard runs exactly eight lines to the	Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ld.	55,700		1.	Tis. 1,000,000	715, 10,45			
the Colony.	inch, and about eight words to the line.	shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited	36,000	Tis. roc	118. 100	Tis. 75,000	1 101 23,22	Thicknin of 113, 0 and account		
The above signals will, as heretofore, be holsted only when typhoons exist in such		LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.	25,000	Tis. 200	Tis. roc	Tis. 15,000			**** *** *** *** *** *** *** *** ***	Tla. 101) Sai buyers
positions or are moving in such directions that Information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping	DOMESTIC OCCUBRENCES.	Central Stores, Limited	50,123	\$15	\$15 \$15	\$30,000 \$1,000 \$648,97	39,17	8 \$1.80 for 1900		% Stoo buyers
leaving the harbour.	Marriages of Richa Deaths and Marriages	Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ld.	50,000	\$100	\$100	1 250,000 1250,000	556,21	8 Interim of \$3% for half year endi	ng 30.6.07.	% \$95 % Stoj
Office, H.M.S. Tamar, Green Island Signal	41.	Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited	6,000	7		\$50,000 none	52,00	\$2} for 1906		% S35 sellers Y Tis, 100 buye
Mast, and the Flagstaff on the premises of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown		banghal Land Investment Company, Limited West Point Building Company, Limited	78,000	4 7 7		Tis, 869,49		anding the second services and in		% Tis, 100 buye
Company at Kowloon. URGENT SIGNAL.	CONTRACT ADVERTISEMENTS.	COTTON MILLS.			i esc	f . Tis. 150,00				% Tis, 49 sellen
In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon		Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving Company, Ld., Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited	til mad ann			Tis. 45,93	93 """"	50 cents for year ending 31.7.07	5	% \$10
Signal will be made at the Water Police	A STANDARD CO.	International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ld.,	10,000			1 1	o Tis. 36,21	Tis. 8 for 1000		7 Tis, so seller Tis, so seller Tis, 280 seller
Station, and repeated at the Harbour Office :-	Advertisements for the Dally should reach	Laou-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Lo Soy Cheo Cotton Spinning Company, Limited	2,000	Tis. 500	Tis. 50	o Tia. 28,25	7 Tis: 50,6	and an few mans	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	
A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same	the Hongkong Telegraph Office not later than	Rell's Asbeston Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	£1,29		1/3 per share for 1906	9	\$10 buyers
time, superior to the other shapes.	noon of the day they are intended to appear.	Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200 60,000	512 Tis, 50		10,000 none Tis, 50,000	N	Final of Tis. 5 making Tis. 10	for 1905	Tis 61 sella
The following Night Signals will be exhibit-	Unless otherwise specified all advertisements	China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000 * 50,000	SI SI	\$ \$10	nona \$115,00	\$25,0 0 \$8			% So buyers
ed from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.		Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	571	\$6	\$5,00	\$2,9	\$1.30 for year ending 31.7.07	**************	% Siól buyers
1. Three Lights Vertical, Green Green Green,	manded.	Green Island Cement Company, Limited	21,000	\$20	\$20	\$186,00	S15,0	52 for year ending 28.2.07	***********	% Sar buyers % Srs sales
indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.		Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	\$.00	\$25	\$10 \$21	Sros,co		Interim of \$4 for 1-year ending	une 30th '07	7 5240 2 \$25
11. Three Lights Vertical, Green Red Green Indicates that a typhoon is believed to be	JORRING DELYKLWRNI.	Maatschappij, tot Mijn-, Bosch- en Landbouwex-	50,00		510 On Gr. 10	W	S4,2 (0) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1) (1	Third interim of Tis. 7 making for a/c 1907 Sipe sh. torperiod from 19th Oct. to		X Tis. 552h bu \$ \$13 sales \$ 52 buyers
situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.		Peak Tramways Company, Limited	50,00	510 510	Sic	W	\$2,6 Dr. P. 34.3	None	iles conference	S; buyers
Indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.		hanghai Gas Company, Limited	24,00	0 Tla. 50	المسالية المسالية		7,9	Interim of Tla. 31 for account 1		Tis. 45 seller
No. 111. Signal will be accompanied by the		Shanghai Horse Barear Co., Ld	4,50	o Tis. ic	Tis. 1	Tis. 45,00	71s. 3.5	54 Final of Tis. 5 and Tis. 10 for 1	906	Tis, 65 solies Tis, 114 solies
Explosive Bombs, as above, in the event of the Information conveyed by this signal being fire	CARDS.	hanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	100	O TIs, 20		f TII. 20,0	ω) II3. 7.	(Interim of 15/- for account 190)	(old) ?	Tle, 335 buy
published by night. These Night Signals will be substituted th	CIRCULARS,	South China Morning Post, Limited	6,00	O 52	- Ch	Tis. 190,0 5 none	13r. \$41,9	None	6	Ses bayers Sel Tis, 07
the Day Signals at sunset, and will, who necessary, be altered during the night.	FXPRESSE	Fientsin Waterworks Company, Limited	3,00	Tle. I	and the second	. T	00)	Tis. 61 for year ending 30.4.07	***************************************	S.T sellers
SUPPLEMENTARY WARHINGS.	All job printing is done under Europe	Online Watering Catering askench, Printeger	IO _I O			\$35,0	00 S 1,	80 cents on 9,900 ord. shares and		2 Sio buyers
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